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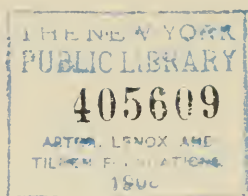
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INTRODUCTION.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

November 18, 1907.

This volume contains an exact transcript of pages 279 to 561, inclusive, of Book VI. of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg, Mass., which includes the town meetings and selectmen's records, beginning March 4, 1844, and continuing to January 21, 1850. The printer's copy was prepared last year, and the work of printing has been done by the Sentinel Printing Company, the index having been prepared under the supervision of Mr. Frank C. Hoyt. The same general method has been used in this volume as in former volumes with reference to paging, the heavy figures enclosed in brackets representing the paging in the original book.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER, SS.

FITCHBURG, November 18, 1907.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 279 and ending with page 561 of Book VI., is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburg as is contained on the pages and in the volume named; except that the title, paging and explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter A. Davis". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "W" and a prominent flourish at the end.

City Clerk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

FRANK D. PAGE, *Notary Public.*



THE OLD RECORDS
OF THE
TOWN OF FITCHBURG.
FROM BOOK VI.

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1844.
Warrant
March

Warrant for Town Meeting March 4th 1844—

Worcester ss: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and town affairs, to meet at the town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on monday, the fourth day of March next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then & there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2d To bring in the votes for a County Treasurer.

Article 3d To see if the town will choose their Treasurer, Collector of taxes, or act any thing respecting the Collection of taxes they may think proper.

Article 4th To hear the report of their Committee chosen to Settle with their Treasurer, & inspect the accounts of their select men and Assessors, for the year past; and choose a committee for the same purpose, for the ensuing year.

Article 5th To hear the report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their work-house and poor establishment, the year past; and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the ensuing year.

Article 6 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their high-ways, Town-ways, and

Bridges, the ensuing year—determine the manner of laying out the said money—fix the price of labour &c—on said roads.

Article 7 To see what method the town will adopt to keep the two principal roads from Leominster to Westminster lines, in repair the year ensuing.

Article 8 To choose a Committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing

Article 9 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to support their schools the year ensuing; and act anything in regard to expending and division of the same they think proper.

Article 10 To see what disposition the town will make of the money they receive from the state school fund or act any thing thereon.

Article 11 To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing.

Article 12 To hear the report of their School Committee for the past year.

Article 13 To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the bells, for town purposes the year ensuing.

Article 14 To see if the town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle an Swine from running at large within said town, the year ensuing.

Article 15 To see if the town will authorise their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town for the year ensuing.

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Article 16 To Choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House the year ensuing.

Article 17 To see if the town will authorise there Overseers of the poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm, for one or more years, or act any thing thereon

Article 18 To see if the town will choose a Committee to take charge of and keep in repair, the Fire Engines,

Engine Houses, and all and all the apparatus attached to them belonging to the Town.

Article 19 T see if the town will provide a new Engine for Engine Company No. 1, or act any thing thereon they think proper.

Article 20 To see if the town will alter and enlarge the Town Hall and other rooms in their Town House, and act any thing in regard to altering said Hall and House they think proper.

Article 21 To see if the town will unite School District No. 7 and 8 and also set off from the new District No. 7. Edward Smith and John Daisy, with their estates and annex then to District No. 6 or act any thing on the subject they may think proper.

Article 22 To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen commencing near the House of Amos Brown; and terminating near the house of Stilman Burnap as petitioned for by Daniel Taylor and others and act any thing in regard to said road they think proper.

Article 23 To hear the report of any Committee chosen at former meetings of the town and act thereon as they think proper. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting—Thereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty four

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen	
Josiah Sheldon		of
Timothy Vinton		Fitchburg

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections and town affairs to meet at the time, place, and for the purpose within specified by posting up attested

copies of this warrant at each of the Meeting Houses
in the Villiage of Fitchburg

T. S. Wilson } Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844.

March 4th.

Town Meeting March 4.th 1844

Town Hall Fitchburg March 4th 1844. 9. o'clock
A. M. Pursuant to the Warrant foregoing Recorded
on Pages 279. & 280. the meeting was opened by
Reading said Warrant and choosing Hon. Nathaniel
Wood Moderator.

Moderator

Check List used in balloting for Selectmen & Town
Clerk.

Prayer.

Prayer by Revr Mr Pettebone.

Article 1st.
Town Clerk

Chose s Jonas A. Marshall. Town Clerk who was
sworn by the Moderator in open town meeting—the
evidence of oaths administered to the Several Officers
chosen at this meeting of whom an oath is required
is the same as in past rears viz. all who have the
letter s only prefixed to their names were sworn in
open town meeting on the day of their election and
all having a date preceeding said s were qualified on
the day of said date respectively.

Oaths.

J. A. Marshall. Town Clerk—

Selectmen

Chose For Selectmen. s Josiah Sheldon.
s Timothy Vinton.
s Alpheus Kimball.

Assessors

For Assessors Chose. s Cyrus Thurston.
s Levi Downe.
s Abel Thurston.

Adjournment

At 12. o'clock M. the meeting adjourned for one
hour for Dinner &c pursuant to which the meeting
was opened at 1. O'clock P. M. The Moderator Hon
Nathl Wood being obliged to leave town here re-
signed his office of Moderator whereupon the meet-
ing voted and chose Captain Alpheus Boutelle Esq
Moderator in place of Mr Wood.

Moderator

Resigned
&
Chosen.

Overseers of
Poor.

For Overseers of Poor. Chose. William Carleton.
Isaiah Putnam.
Abel Thurston.

Treasurer For Town Treasurer Chose. s Ebenezer Torrey.
 Constables. Voted to chose three Constables s David F. McIntire and s Timothy S. Wilson were chosen on the first ballot and after several unsuccesful balloting for the third it was voted to postpone the further choice of Constables to the adjournment of this meeting on the motion of E. Torrey Esq who gave notice that at the adjournment he would move the choosing of an additional member.

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Town Meeting March 4.th 1844.

1844.
 March 4th
 Constables For Constables. Chose s. David F. McIntire. } March
 s. Timothy S. Wilson. } 4th
 s. Alpheus Kimball. }
 April 5th s Ivers Phillips. } Chosen
 April 8th s Caleb W. Jaquith. } April 1.
 s Abel Stevens. }
 s Charles Sawtell. }

Article 2. Votes for County Treasurer were Reed Sorted
 Counted Counted and declared as the Law directs
 County and were for the following persons who received Votes
 Treasurer as follows viz Whole number of votes 162.

Anthony Chase had 160.

Levi Downe " 1.

Isaac Davis " 1.

Article 1st. School Committee
 High-way Surveyors posponed to adjournment.
 For Field Drivers Chose

Field Drivers March 9th s. John Carr.
 March 7th s. Amos Lewis.
 s. Charles T. Thurston.
 s. William Wilder.
 s. Asa Ramand.
 s. Henry B. Leland.
 s. Joseph Upton Jr.
 Stephen Tolman.
 s. James L. Haynes.
 s Edwin Upton.

Fence Viewers For Fence Viewers Chose s. Isaac B. Woodard.
 s. Abram Jaquith.
 s. Abel Thurston.
 James Hartwell.
 s. Benjamin Brown.

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March 4th.
Surveyors of
Lumber.Town Meeting March 4th 1844.

For Surveyors of Lumber Chose

s. Abijah Hartwell.
s. Ephraim Osborn Jr.
s. Josiah Sheldon.
s. James Whitney.
s. Edwin Upton.
s. Levi Pratt.
s. James P. Putnam.

March 13. s. Justin Stearns.

s. Amos Durant.

Gustavus Lyman.

Measurers of Wood & Bark. Voted that the Selectmen appoint.

Sealer of
Weights &c

For Sealer of weights and measures chose s. Abijah Hartwell.

Sealers of
LeatherFor Sealers of Leather chose s. Charles Sawtell.
s. Asa Patridge.Cullers of
Hoops &
Staves

For Cullers of Hoops and Staves Chose

s. Abel Thurston.
s. Norman Stone.

Pound Keeper

For Pound Keeper Chose s. Robert Sampson.

Fire Wards

For Fire Wards Chose.

Alpheus Kimball.
J. A. Marshall.
Josiah Sheldon.

N. B. at a meeting at the office of the Town Clerk held on the Monday evening following by the Fire Wards they chose Josiah Sheldon Chief Engineer Alpheus Kimball & John Pritchard Assistant Eng.

Attest J. A Marshall

Clerk of the Meeting.

Ebenezer Torrey.
Robert L. Fryar.
John Coldwell.
Timothy Vinton.
Abel Simonds.
Horace Newton.
Alvah Crocker.
Amos Durant.
John H. Wheeler.
Timothy S. Wilson.
David F. McIntire.
Charles Sawtell.
John Pritchard.

The above fire wards were all notified and Signified their acceptance except Alvah Crocker who was out of town.

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Town Meeting March 4th 1844.

1844.

March 4th—

Article 21.

School

Districts

Nos 6, 7, & 8.

Voted that Edward Smith and John Daisy with their estates be annexed to District number six (No. 6.).

Voted that School Districts Number Seven and Eight be united into One School District to be call District Number Eight.

Article 3.

Voted not to choose the Treasurer Collector of Taxes the year ensuing.

Collection of Taxes.

Voted that the collection of the Taxes be now let out by the Moderator to the lowest bidder on the same conditions as last year the same being done they were taken by Timothy S. Wilson at two dollars Sixty two and half cents (\$2.62½) on the hundred dollars. Charles Sawtell and William Carleton were offered and accepted as bonds men for Mr Wilson.

Bondsmen

For Collector chose s. Timothy S. Wilson. Collector.

Article 4th.

Report on Treasury &c.

The Committee to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors was here read and accepted for the past year. Voted that the Report of Said committee together with the Report of the Selectmen be printed No 600. (copies) (Selectmen to Print)

And Selectmen's Report printed

Committee to Settle with Treasurer for 1844.

For a Committee to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

Chose. David Boutelle.

Horace Newton.

Abel Stevens.

Article 5.

Past over to adjournment.

Article 7. County Roads

Voted that the Roads mentioned in the Seventh Article be put into the Highway Lists as all our other Roads now are

Article 6. Highways & Bridges \$2000.

Voted to Raise the Sum of Two Thousand dollars for the Support of Highways, Town ways. and Bridges the year ensuing and that the same prices for labour be allowed as last year.

Article 1st. Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to nominate and Report at the adjournment a list for Highway Surveyors.

Article 8th. Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Bridge Com. Bridges.

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Town Meeting March 4th 1844.

1844
March 4th
Article 9.
\$1500.
For Schools

For the Support of Schools the year ensuing Voted to Raise the Sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars and that it be divided as last year.

Article 10.
School Fund.

Voted that the money Recd. by the Town out of the State School fund be divided as the Money raised by the town for the Support of Schools.

Article 11.
Town Charges
\$3500.

For necessary Town charges Voted to raise Three Thousand five hundred Dollars.

Article 13
Ring Bell

Voted to appropriate twenty Dollars for Ringing one of the Bells for town purposes the year ensuing.

Article 14
Horses

Voted that Hoses and all other animals mentioned in this Article be restrained from running at large.

Article 15.
Treasurer
may Borrow
Money
Article 16.
Town House.

Voted That the Treasurer be Authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town.

Town House. Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the Town House.

Article 17.
Poor Farm

Poor Farm. Voted the the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years.

Article 18th.
Engines

Voted. That the Selectmen take charge of the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and other Fire Apparatus attached to the same belonging to the town.

Article 19.

Past over to adjournment.

Article 20.
Town House
Alteration
Com. on.

Voted that the twentieth Article in the warrant be referred to a committee and that they report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Chose for that committee John Pritchard
Abel Thurston
Arnold Wilson

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April at One O'clock P. M.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town Meeting April 1, 1844.

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Town
Meeting,
April 1, 1844.
Adjournment

Town Hall Fitchburg April 1, 1844, at 1, o'clock
P. M. Pursuant to adjournment from March 4th the
meeting was opened by the Moderator

Article 1st.
Constables

Voted to choose five Constables in addition to
the two chosen in March last

Chose Alpheus Kimball

Ivers Phillips

Caleb W. Jaquith

Abel Stevens

Charles Sawtell who were all sworn

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School
Committee

For School Committee Chose Horace Newton

Levi Downe

Charles Mason

Thomas R. Boutelle

Asa Farwell

Highway
Surveyors

For Highway Surveyors—Chose

s. Robert Sampson

Alonzo P. Goodridge

James McIntire

s. Timothy W. Kinsman

Levi Kendall

s. Asa Sawyer

s. J. Foster Beal

s. David Lowe

s. Loring Wheeler

s. Daniel S. Eaton

s. Alpheus Boutelle

s. Daniel Works

s. William Woodbury Jr

s. Abel Simonds

s. William B. Phelps

s. Warren Worcester

s. Asa Ramond

s. John Smith

s. Dexter Farwell

s. Thomas S. Eaton

s. Levi Pratt

s. Samuel Burnap

s. Winchester Wyman

s. Samuel Shattuck

s. Silas W. Hutchinson

s. Asa Farwell

s. Abraham Osborn

s. Daniel Lowe

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1844.

Article 5

Report on
Poor FarmTown Meeting April 1st 1844.

The Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of the Poor establishment for the year past here made their Report which was read and accepted—the Report showed the whole amount for the Support of Poor in Town \$407.35. and at the Farm \$261.29.

Committee
on Poor Farm

Voted and chose David Boutelle

Alpheus Boutelle

Daniel Works a committee to ascertain the expenses for the Support of Poor the year ensuing.

Article 12

The School Committee for the past year here made their Report which was read and accepted.

Article 19.
Fire Engine
No 1.

Voted to appropriate Three hundred Dollars for a new Fire Engine for Engine Company No 1. whenever an additional sum sufficient to purchase—with said Three hundred Dollars—a good Engine is obtained by subscription The Select-men were chosen a committee to procure said Engine when the necessary funds are raised

Committee
on

Article 20.

Voted to pass over the twentieth Article in the warrant.

Article 22

The following Report of the Selectmen of a Road (was next read) Laid out on the petition of Daniel Taylor & others

Road Report

Road Report.
from Amos
Browns to
Abraham
Bennett's

We the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid for the use of Said town, a town way as follows: Beginning on the Notherly side of the Road from Amos Brown to Joseph T. Scott's at a Stake & Stones about two rods Easterly from the brook thence North 53° 30' West 25½ Rods thence North 65° 15' west 14 rods 5 links on the land of Amos Brown to a corner of James McIntire's land thence North 46° West 67 Rods on land of Jacob Brown thence North 45° West 21. rods 10. links on disputed land of James McIntire and Jacob Brown thence North 41° West 14½ Rods on land of the Heirs of

Daniel McIntire thence North 35° West 8 rods 20 links on land of James Hartwell, thence North 26° 30' West 13 Rods 20 links on land of said Hartwell, thence North 20° 45' West 11. Rods 5 links on land of James McIntire, thence North 23° 45' West 24 Rods on land of said McIntire, thence North 11° West 39. rods on land of Asa Ramond, thence North 15° West 57. rods on land of said Ramond, thence North 4° East 71.½ Rods on land of Silas Hutchinson, thence North 4° East 54 rods on land of Stilman Burnap to land of Abraham Bennett, All the above bounds are on the Easterly side of the said Road and to be two rods wide

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April 1.

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Also another piece of Road commencing on the Easterly Side of the new contemplated road on the land of Asa Raymond thence North 36° 30' E. 12 Rods to the corner of James McIntire and Daniel Taylor land. all the bounds are on the Southerly side of said Road, and to be two Rods wide. And we have appraised the damage as follows, to Amos Brown \$75.00. to Jacob Brown \$70.00 to the disputed land between Jacob Brown and James McIntire \$32.00 to the Heirs of Daniel McIntire \$22.00 to James McIntire \$54.00 to Asa Raymond \$123.00 to Silas Hutchinson \$59.00 to James Hartwell \$25.00 The above damages to be paid by the said Town of Fitchburg when Said Road is opened, and we allow the owners three months to remove the wood and timber Standing thereon. Which Said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty fourth day of Febuary in the year eighteen hundred and forty four.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Josiah Sheldon } of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg

See
Alterations
Recorded in
this Book
Page 299.

After the above Report had been read Mr Daniel

Taylor agreed to pay the sum of fifty Dollars and make twelve rods of Road. Abraham Bennett also agreed to make twenty five rods of the Road at the end nearest his house. after the above offers by Mr Taylor and Mr Bennett had been made in open town meeting and taken down by the Clerk the Town Voted to accept Said Report and that the Selectmen be a committee to let out and Superintend the making of said Road and that said road be completed to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of October next.

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1844.

April 1.

Article 23.

Ashby Road

Contractors

Interest relinquished to

Town Meeting April 1. 1844.

The Committee chosen to let out and Superintend the making the new Road to Ashby Reported that they had made certain advances to Mifsrs Smith the contractors for which they had taken the Notes of the said Smiths on interest—that the Road should have been finished last fall but was not and the town had had the use of said Road since the time for finishing the same had expired and that we should probably have a better Road than we should have had provided it had been finished according to contract whereupon the Town voted to authorize the Committee aforesaid to relinquish all claim for interest on money advanced to the said Smiths

Article 1.
Highway
Surveyor

Voted to choose one additional Highway Surveyor
Chose s William B. Phelps.

Field drivers

chose for Field Drivers in addition to Those chosen in March

William McIntire

Daniel Virgil

Samuel Hale 2^d

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen April 1. 1844

Measurers
of Wood &
Bark

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have appointed the following persons Measurers of Wood & Bark for the present year

		Ephraim Osborn 3 ^d
		Ebenezer Ball
April 15	s.	Asher Green
September 18	s.	Timothy Vinton
April 1.	s	William Wilder
		Addison Davis
		John L. Joslin
		S. M. Dole
		Sanford Sawyer
		Robert L. Frayer
		Abel Simonds
May 2	s.	John Kendall
		Robert Sampson
		Timothy Vinton } Selectmen of
		Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg
Fitchburg April 1, 1844		

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1844.
April 1.

Warrant for Town Meeting to Vote for County
Commissioners April 1. 1844.

Warrant.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid. Greeting— In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the first day of April next, at one O'clock, in the after noon, then and there to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners, and two Special Commissioners, for the County of Worcester. And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Here of fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid—Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Timothy Vinton } Selectmen of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg

Worcester March 25. 1844. By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs or Elections by posting up attested copies of the within warrant at each of the Meeting-houses in said town.

D. F. McIntire } Constable of
Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844.
Town Meeting April 1.

Town Meeting April 1. 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 1. 1844. 1. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by Reading the warrant—Selectmen presiding Votes were Reed, Sorted, counted and declared as the law directs and were as follows.

For County Commissioners

Whole number of votes 189.

County Commissioners

William Crawford had 100. Votes

Jerome Gardner " 103. "

Joseph Bruce " 104. "

Adam Harrington " 85. "

Warren Humes " 85. "

Gardner Ruggles " 85. "

For Special Commissioners

Whole number of Votes 189.

Jason Goulding had 104. Votes

Stephen Davis " 103. "

Dexter Gilbert " 85. "

Sullivan Thayer " 85. "

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

1844. April 1.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 1. 1844.

Warrant.

Worcester ss: To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid, Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the first day of April next, at

three o'clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following articles.

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
2d. To see if the Town will accept the Road laid out by the Selectmen as prayed for by Abel Thurston and others or act anything thereon.

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April 1st.
3d

Warrant for Town Meeting April 1, 1844

- To see if the Town will unite School Districts No 10. and 11. in Fitchburg and make of them one District or act anything upon the Subject they may think proper.
- 4th To see if the Town will take David Whitmore Eben^r Whitmore and Asa Kinsman and their estates from District No 1. and annex them and their estates to District No 10. or act any-thing thereon.
- 5th To see if the Town will abate any tax or taxes that have been assessed to Isaac Bartlett of Worcester by the Town.
- 6th. To see if the Town will incur the expense of digging Graves and Making Coffins or act any-thing in regard to the same they may think proper.
- 7th. To see if the Town will abate all the uncollected Taxes in the hands of David F. McIntire Collector for the year of Eighteen hundred and forty or act any thing thereon.
- 8th To see if the Town will provide of Safe for to keep the books of the Town in or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Timothy Vinton } Selectmen of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg

Worcester fs: March 23th 1844. By virtue of this warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote as within directed

D. F. McIntire } Constable of
said Town

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844.
April 1.
Town
Meeting

Town Meeting April 1. 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 1. 1844 at 3. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants met and the meeting was opened by reading said warrant and organized by choosing under the first Article in the Warrant Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator.

Article 1st

Article 2d

Under this Article the following report was made by the Selectmen on the Petition of Abel Thurston and others.

Road Report

Road by
School-house
No 1.
Reported on
Petition of
Abel
Thurston
&
others.

"We the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a town way as follows, Beginning on the Notherly side of the County Road opposite Joseph Baldwins Store at the corner of the School House lot on said County Road thence N 26° 30'. E. 210 feet on the line of the School House lot, thence N. 26. 30'. E. 24. Rods 18 links over land of Benjamin Snow and Abel Thurston. the said Road is to be two Rods wide on the land of the said Benjamin Snow and Abel Thurston and 21. feet wide against the land of Charles Sawtell—then 20 feet wide to the County Road and to lie on the West-erly side of said line, and the owners of the land over which said road pafses relinquish all damages for laying said Way over their land Reserving to Abel Thurston the right to have the ornamental Oak tree now standing near his house remain—And also the right to have his wood shed remain as it now stands until such times as he shall choose to remove the same—which Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded

is forever after to be known as a public Town Way.

Dated at Fitchburg this twentieth day of March
in the year 1844.

Timothy Vinton } Selectmen of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg"

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The above Report having been read to the Town
it was voted that said Report be Accepted. Voted
that the Selectmen Superintend the making of said
road and that the road be completed to their accept-
ance by the first of July next.

Article 3.
S. Districts
Nos 10. & 11

The third Article was taken up and the subject
therein contained was considered and on vote was
rejected.

Article 4.
School Dis-
tricts Nos 1.
&. 10
changed

David Whitmore, Ebenezer Whitmore and Asa
Kinsman with their estates taken from District No 1.
and annexed to District No 10. by vote of the Town.

Article 5.

Voted to abate the Taxes assessed to Isaac Bart-
lett of Worcester.

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Article 6.
Burials Exp
of paid by
Town

Voted that the expense of Diging Graves, Making
Common pine Coffins and Attending Funerals with
the Hurse be paid by the Town.

Voted that the Selectmen advertise for proposals
for each of the above particulars.

Article 7.
Taxes abated

Voted that the Selectmen examine the Tax Book
for 1840 in the hands of D. F. McIntire and grant
him an order of Abatement on all Taxes not collect-
able provided they do not exceed the sum of Seven-
teen Dollars.

Article 8.
Safe

Voted that the Selectmen procure a Suitable Safe
for the preservation of the Books & Records of the
Town.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Roll of Militia of the Town of Fitchburg 1844.

The following pages contain a list of names of persons liable to be enrolled as Soldiers in the town of Fitchburg on the first day of May 1844 taken by the Subscribers Afsefsors of Fitchburg. Fitchburg May 16th 1844

	Cyrus Thurston } Assessors Levi Downe } of Abel Thurston } Fitchburg
Sewall F. Adams	Abijah Goodridge
Justin Austin	George Goodridge
David Battles	Austin B. Gates
Joseph Battles Jr	Richard Horn
Charles Battles	Willard Harris
Samuel Burnap	Levi H. Keyes
Calvin Battles	Francis Lowe
J. Foster Beals	Daniel P. Maynard
Joseph Bemis	Henry Maynard
Flavel Barns	Adam Miller
Dana Barrel	Alvan Osborn
Ebeneazer H. Bartlett	Silas Pratt
Albert Conant	Israel H. Parker
Abijah Carter	Moses Perkins Jr
James Cooper	Lincoln Pratt
Charles F. Conant	Isaac Ripley
Andrew J. Conant	Ezra B. Stevens
W ^m S. Downe	Everett Sprague
Albert B. Damon	Rufus P. Smith
Addison W. Damon	John Sullivan
William Damon	Humphrey Sullivan
Newton Downe	Lorenzo Turner
Samuel H. Evans	Henry B. Town
Thomas S. Eaton	A. B. Tilton
Dexter Farwell	James F. Vanderford
Levi Farnsworth	Naham Wetherbee
Levi Fullum	James Whitney
Charles Farwell	W ^m Woodbury Jr
Alfred Fox	Sabin Woodbury
Johnathan Farnsworth Jr	Johnathan Whitman
Elijah C. Farwell	Aaron Wheeler
Haskell Farwell	Rinaldo Weeks
Henry B. Farwell	Almond Wheeler
Roswell Graham	James B. Wheeler
John Goodridge Jr	James Welch
Pliny Gates	Ira Younglove
James H. Goodridge	Daniel Andrews

George W. Aldrich	Franklin Colburn
Alonzo Andrew	Henry Conant
Lewis Aldrich	Austin S. Crehore
Lysander Andrews	William Coughlin
Job S. Bigelow	Joseph Craton
Josiah W. Boutell	Charles Carleton
Jacob Brown	Sullivan B. Davis
Stillman Burnap	Hiram Davis 2 nd
Elisha Brown	Wm L. Davis
George Bofs	Joseph D. Dresser
Isaac T. Babbit	Charles S. Davis
Alvah A. Beckwith	John Dawson
Ebn F. Baily	Albert G. Danforth
Charles E. Brooks	Daniel Emory
Walton Ball.	Amos Eaton
Murry Bartlett	Henry G. Farnsworth
Nathan L. Battles	Job Foster
Cyrel Bowker	Daniel Fish
Enos Bigelow	Levi Farwell
Saml Bennett	Barney Fuller
Loren Brown	Ward B. Farrer
Samuel Carter	Arrington Gibson 2 nd
Elijah S. Carter	Arrington Gibson 3 rd
Nathan Caswell	Jacob Gibson
Stephen Caswell.	Josep Gibson
Sherman G. Conant	Jerimiah K. Gibson

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Asher Green	Frederick Hodgman
Jefferson A. Goodridge	Alfred Hartwell
Alfred Gay	Stephen Holman
John Gibb's	Joshua Judkins
Nathl Gilmore	Jerimiah Kinsman Jr
Charles Carter	W ^m L. Kinsman
Henry Grimes	Elijah C. Keith
Ira Green	Enoch Kendall
Charles Gragg	Fredirick Kendall
Ebeneazer C. Heyden	Hiram Kemp
Charles W. Holt	Freeborn Lawrence
George W. Hager	Uriah Lawrence
Jacob Haskell	Edwin Lamb
Nelson G. Heyden	Gustavus Lyman
John M. Harris	Henry Lowe
Samuel Hale 2 nd	Franklin Lyon
D. H. Hale	Lemuel Long
Isaac Himes	Benj ^m Lewis
Charles Howard	James B. Lane
Samuel Hayden	David H. Merriam

Charles H. Merriam	James F. Stiles
Moses Marshall	Allen Smith
Jed Mayo	Milton Stanley
W ^m Miles	Hartson Sheldon
James McIntire	Warren C. Sturtevant
Stephen McIntire	J. D. Sanborn
Lyman McIntire	Henry Sockett
Reubin McIntire	Aaron Davis
Joseph Maynard	Chs Smith
John Q. Mellen	Edward Sockett
Francis McIntire	Andrew J. Twitchell
Hiram P. Nutting	David Taylor Jr
Samuel P. Nye	Moses Town
George Naramore	John M. Twitchell
David Ordway	George A. Thayer
W ^m Orcuit	Timothy Underwood
Francis Phillips	Nathan Whitcomb
Levi H. Phelps	Winchester Wyman
John Pritchard	W ^m G. Wyman
Luther Parker	James Whittemore
Porter Piper	Edwin Wheeler
Sullivan G. Proctor	Alfred M. Wetherbee
Solomon Pratt	John Wells
Peter H. Putman	Saml Whitney
Lewis Phelps	Isaac D. Wiswall
David M. Parker	Daniel L. Ware
Enoch Page	Joseph Willard
Jerome S. Parker	George D. Wolf
Henry Phillips	Artemas R. Smith
Thadeus Pettiplace	Horace C. Crehore
Thomas Pollard	Edwin M. Day
Frederick B. Pratt	Solmon W. Putman
Leverett Phelps	John Putman
Horoace R. Rice	Alfred Wheeler
Zacheus Richardson	Morrill Dole
Reubin Rugg	Quncy Lynch
William Reed	Philander H. Fletcher
Nathan Reed	Samuel Loveland
G. W. Rockwood	Willard Foster
Benjamin Safford	Calvin W. Wheeler
Loriston Stockwell	Caleb Winch
Joseph T. Scott	David Tyler
Abel Stephens	Elias Gates
Joshua H. Smith	Thos Oakman
David A. Smith	Charles S. Farrer
Benjm Snow Jr	Augustus Sawyer
Orville Stiles	William Blifs

L. B. Comee	Cahil Tolman
James R. Burditt	Thomas Hale
Albert T. Burditt	Abram Osborn 2 nd
Caleb W. Jaquith	Reubin Gibson
William Comee	Clark Simonds
Edwin Holmes	

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William Marshall	Samuel D. Sheldon
Joel Davis	Israel N. Carter
Samuel M. Caswell.	George O. Stickney
Elisha Withington	Leonard Hartwell
Abel Derby	Lyman Baker
Fitch Downe	Samuel Saunders
Francis E. Williams	George L. Adams
W ^m P. Gray.	Samuel Harwood
Reubin Smith	Peter S. Carter
Stephen Taft	Asa R. Lovell
Josiah Chase	Sumner D. Boynton
Addison Davis	David Richardson
Joseph Boynton Jr	Charles Russell
Charles H Raymond	Charles Kinsman
Eli W. Raymond	Thomas Hastings
Micah Shattuck Jr	Hiram W. Pitts
Samuel Farwell	Nelson P. Cozzens
Samuel Farwell	Simon B. Crane
Joseph Smith	Salmon W. Wilder
John Hammond	Chandler Crocker
Austin P. Farwell	Jonas H. Holden
Charles Davis	Velorus Whipple
Zaphaniah Hammond	John Seism
Charles P. Dean	George Tilden
Andrew J. Dean	Benjm F. Proctor
Winson Cooper	Joseph Baldwin 2 nd
Jabez Flint	Saml Dexter
Amos Lewis	Lemuel W Gibson
W ^m B. Phelps	John Dole
Hosea Caswell	Saml M. Dole
Josiah Caswell Jr	Joseph Pierce
Levi Sherwin	Olover Eaton
Henry Atherton	Lewis G. Wright
Benjm T. Wheeler	Daniel Mefsender
Daniel S. Eaton	Philander Lord.
Lorenzo Kinsman	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Whole number enrolled 342.

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Warrant
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Warrant for Town Meeting August 17. 1844

Worcester ff To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Saturday the seventeenth day of August inst at three o'clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following articles.

Article 1st

To choose a Moderator for said meeting

" 2d

To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen commencing near the house of Charles Brigham and terminating near the house of Sanford Sawyer as petitioned for by Cyrus Thurston and others and act any thing in regard to said road they think proper.

" 3rd—

To see if the town will accept of the alterations made by the Selectmen on the road leading from Amos Brown,s to Stillman Burnap,s

" 4th

To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen commencing on the road near the house of Barker Gibson,s and terminating at the new County road to Ashby as petitioned for by Barker Gibson and others and act any thing regard to said road they think proper.

" 5th

To see if the town will choose a committee to meet the County Commissioners when they come to town to lay out the road petitioned by Justin Stearns and others or act anything thereon And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Ninth day of

August in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty four.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Timothy Vinton } of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. by virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place as within directed

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A Marshall Town Clerk

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Town
Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg August 17. 1844. 3. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Mr William Woodbury Moderator under the first Article in the Warrant

Article 2d

The Following Report was then read to the Town on the petition of Cyrus Thurston & others—

Road Report.

Road Report
By High-
School House
Accepted
Condition-
ally.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town a town way as follows Beginning at the corner of the land of Charles Brigam and the high School Afsociation thence N. $33^{\circ} 30'$ E 19 rods thence N. $19^{\circ} 30'$ E. 3 rods thence N. $13^{\circ} 45'$ E. 2 rods all on the land of the High School Afsociation thence N $13^{\circ} 45'$ 1 rod thence N $9^{\circ} 45'$ E 3 rods thence N $4^{\circ} 30'$ E 3 rods thence N $0^{\circ} 30'$ W 3 rods thence N $4^{\circ} 30'$ W 3 rods thence N 13° W 9 rods & 6 links all on the land of Jonas A. Marshall thence N $7^{\circ} 45'$ W 3 rods thence N $1^{\circ} 15'$ W 3 rods thence N $2^{\circ} 30'$ E 30 rods to the land of Abel Fox all over the land of Cyrus Thurston and Thomas Hale and said road is to be 40 feet wide and all the bounds are on the westerly side of said road And we have apprised the damage to the owners of the land over which said road pafses as follows to the High School Afsociation twenty five

dollars to be paid by the said town of Fitchburg before said road is opened and Jonas A. Marshall Cyrus Thurston and Thomas Hale release all damage for said road passing over their land Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever to be known as a public town way Dated at Fitchburg this twenty sixth day of June in the year 1844.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Mefrs C. Thurston & Thomas Hale agree to build the Road free from any expense to the Town for building said Road and to the acceptance of the Scelectman within one year—after the above Report had been read and the foregoing agreement of Mefrs Thurston & Hale been made to the Town it was voted to accept said Report provided the Town are indemnified from any further expense for said Road except the Twenty five Dollars appraised as damage to the High-School Association by the Said Cyrus Thurston and Thomas Hale.

The Following Report of alterations in the Road Recorded on Page 287. of this Book was read to the town and Accepted

Article 3.
Road from
Amos
Brown's to
Stillman
Burnap's
Alterations in
See Page 287.
Accepted.

Report of Alterations in Road Location

We the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg Report the following alterations which they have made in the Road ordered to be built leading from Amos Brown's to Stillman Burnap's as follows. On the land of Amos Brown

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where it connects with the road that passes by said Brown commencing at the wall on said road about 25 ft from the southeasterly corner of the present location and on a curve to 8 ft from the present location thence in a curve about 25 ft till it intersects

the Easterly line of said road also on the land of Heirs of Daniel McIntire one degree more north than on the land of James Hartwell N 30° 30' W instead of N. 35° W thence on said Hartwell land N 28° 30' W instead of N 26° 30' W then on the land of Asa Raymond N 15° W 45½ rods then 6° W 11½ rods instead of N 15° W. 57 rods and we have awarded to Amos Brown five Dollars as damage for the above alteration then on the land of Silas W. Hutchinson N 6° W 12½ rods instead of N 4° E and we have awarded to said Hutchinson three dollars damage for the above alteration & no damage to any other for the above alterations Which is reported to the town for acceptance and when accepted & recorded to be forever known as the line of said road. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty sixth day of June in the year 1844

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 4.

Report of a Road by the Selectmen on the Petition of Barker Gibson and others was read—and on Vote was accepted. The Selectmen were chosen a Committee to let out and superintend the making of said Road which is to be finished to their acceptance by the first of November next. the following is the

Report of the Road on the Petition of Barker
Gibson & others

We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows Beginning at a stake by the wall on the southwesterly side of the present road to Barker Gibson,s and thirty six rods from said Gibson,s house measuring in the present road thence S. 35° 30' E 13½ rods partly on the old road and partly on the land of Barker Gibson thence S. 63° E. 11¾ rods on Barker Gibson,s land thence S 60° E 6 rods and 9 links thence S 52° E 4 rods & 9 links

Road Report.
BarkerGibson
& Others
petitioners
Accepted.

thence S 45° E 4 rods & 9 links thence S. 39° E 4 rods & 21 links to a birch tree all on the land of Barker Gibson thence S 19° E 5 rods 6 links to a Leverwood tree partly over the land of Barker Gibson and partly over land of Levi McIntire thence S 8° E 4 rods and 24 links thence S 2° E 5 rods & 6 links thence S 10° W. 6 rods and 15 links to the new County road to Ashby all on the land of Levi McIntire The said road to be 2½ rods wide and all the bounds are on the southwest & westerly side of said road and we have appraised the damages to the owners of the land over which the road passes as follows to Levi McIntire ten dollars And the said Barker Gibson releases all damages for laying said road over his land

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the above damage to be paid to the said McIntire by the said town of Fitchburg before said road is opened. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to known as a public town way Dated at Fitchburg this ninth day of August in the year 1844

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Timothy Vinton } of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 5.

Voted to pass over the fifth Article.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

School
District
No 8.

Non Residents Taxed in School Districts No 8.

To the Clerk of the town of Fitchburg We the Subscribers, Assessors of Fitchburg have this day determined that Samuel Cooper of Westminster David Flint Saml Gibson Saml P. Gibson Sewall Gibson all of Ashby John Cowdin of Boston and Richard Hill of — Non Resident owners of Real Estate in said

Fitchburg shall hereafter be taxed in school district
No eight agreeable to the laws of the Commonwealth
said district consists of what was formerly Nos seven
& eight Fitchburg Sept 18th 1844

Cyrus Thurston } Afsefsors
Levi Downe } of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Perambulations of Town lines

Perambula-
tion of
Town Lines

This certifies that We the Subscribers, Selectmen
of the town of Fitchburg and Lunenburg have this
day perambulated the lines between said towns ac-
cording to the laws of the Commonwealth in such
cases made and provided

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Appointed by } Fitchburg
Ithra Lewis } Selectmen of
Andrew Conant } Lunenburg

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Perambula-
tion of
Town Lines

This certifies that we the subscribers Selectmen of
the town of Fitchburg and Ashburnham have this
day perambulated the lines between said towns ac-
cording to the laws of the Commonwealth in such
cases made and provided Nov 8th 1844

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Appointed by } Fitchburg
Ohio Whitney } Selectmen
Jehiel Watkins } of Ashburnham
Appointed by }

This certifies that we the subscribers Selectmen of
the town of Fitchburg & Ashby have this day per-
ambulated the lines between said towns accordind to
the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases made
and provided.

Nov 8th 1844

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Appointed by } Fitchburg
Ephraim Hayward } Selectmen
Joel Hayward } of Ashby

This certifies that we the subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Leominster and Fitchburg have this day perambulated the lines between said towns according to the laws of this Commonwealth in such cases made and provided

Leominster Oct 10. 1844

James Burditt	}	Selectmen of
Emory Burrage		
Josiah Sheldon	}	Selectmen
Abel Thurston		
Apt by	}	Fitchburg

This certifies that we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Westminster and Fitchburg have this day perambulated the lines between said towns according to the laws of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided

Novm 8th 1844

Benja Wyman	}	Selectmen of
Marshall White		
Josiah Sheldon	}	Selectmen
Abel Thurston		
Appointed by	}	Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town
Meeting
Novm 11.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 11, 1844

Worcester, fs—To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the eleventh day of November next it being the second Monday of said month at eleven of the clock in the forenoon. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Govenor of the Commonwealth and for five senators on one ballot for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing.

2nd

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for twelve Electors of President and vice President of the United States all on one ballot

3rd To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative to Congress for District No 4

4th To determine if the town will choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court the present year (and if so)

5th To choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston the first Wednesday of January next

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this Twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Timothy Vinton } of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg

Fitchburg Nov 9th 1844 By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of to meet at the time and place as within directed

T. S. Wilson } Constable of
Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town
Meeting
November 11.

Town Meeting November 11. 1844.

Pursuant to Warrant Recorded on last page the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg met at the Town Hall November 11th 1844 at 11. o'clock A. M. The meeting was Opened by reading the Warrant. Selectmen presiding. Check list used as the law directs. Votes under the different Articles in the Warrant were Reed. Sorted, Counted, Recorded, Declared and Returned as the Law prescribes and were as follows.

Article 1st. For Governor Whole number of Votes 585.
 George N. Briggs had—244.
 George Bancroft. “ —236.
 Samuel E. Sewell “ —105.

For Lt. Governor Whole number of Votes 584.
 John Reed had 244.
 Henry H. Childs “ 235.
 William Jackson “ 105.

For Senators whole number of votes 583
 Levi Lincoln had 244.
 Linus Child “ —244.
 Dan Hill “ —244.
 John G. Thurston “ —244.
 Joseph Stone “ —244.
 Walter A. Bryant “ —234.
 Kilburn Harwood “ —234.
 Adam Harrington “ —235.
 Jared Benson “ 235.
 Amasa Walker “ —234.
 James G. Carter “ —103.
 Otis Brigham “ 104.
 Gilmore Jones “ —104.
 Elihu Burritt “ —104.
 Phineas Bemis “ 103.

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Article 2. For Electors of President & Vice President whole number of votes 565.

At Large	Abbott Lawrence	had 230.
	Lewis Strong	“ —230.
	Gayton P. Osgood	“ —222.
	Samuel C. Allen	“ —222.
	Joel Hayden	“ —112.
	John G. Whittier	“ —112.
Dist 1	Nathan Appleton	had 230.
	Charles G. Green	“ —223.
	Timothy Gilbert	“ —112.

2	John Perry Allen	had	230.
	Eben ^r H. Stacy	"	—223.
	Nathan D. Chase	"	112.
3	Homer Bartlett	had	230.
	Hiram Plummer	"	—223.
	Willard Brown	"	112.
4	Abraham R. Thompson	had	—230.
	Chas Thompson	"	—223.
	John Fletcher	"	112.
5	Charles Allen	had	230.
	J. S. C. Knowlton	"	223.
	Phineas Crandall	"	112
6	William B. Calhoun	"	230.
	H. G. Newcomb	"	223.
	John Dickenson Jr	"	112.
7	Chauncy B. Rising	had	230.
	Orin Sage	"	223.
	Edward Laselle	"	112.
8	Elijah Vose	had	230.
	Artemas Brown	"	223.
	Jefse Wheaton	"	112.
9	William Baylies	had	230.
	Peter H. Pierce	"	223.
	Laban M. Wheaton	"	112.

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Seth Crowell	had	230.
John H. Shaw	"	223.
Gilbert Richmond	"	112.

Article 3rd For Representatives to Congress whole number of votes 576.

William Parmenter	had	238.
Benjamin Thompson	"	232.
Thomas W. Ward	"	106.

Article 4. Voted to send a Representative to the General Court the present year

Article 5. Votes for a Representative to the General Court were Reed Counted and Declared as follows

Representative no choice.	For Representative Whole number of Votes 530.
	Joseph Upton Jr had 211.
	Ivers Phillips " 211.
	John L. Joslin " 105.
	Joseph Upton " 2.
	Edwin Upton " 1.

Number necessary for a choice 266. no one had that number. whereupon the town voted not to send a Representative to the General Court this year.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844. (Town Business)

Warrant. Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the
November 11 Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
your are directed to notify the inhabitants of the
town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and
in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said
Fitchburg on Monday the eleventh day of November
inst at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there
to act on the following articles.

Article 1st To see what method the town will take to support their insane poor

Art 2nd To see if the town will discontinue the travel on the Common between the two rows of maple trees and as far down as these trees extend and cause a railing to be put around said trees or act anything thereon

Art 3d. To see if the town will defray any part of the expense of a town clock to be placed on the second Parish Meeting House for the use of the town or act anything thereon.

Art 4th. To see if the town will make any further appropriation for the purchase of a new Engine to supply the place of Engine No 1 or act anything in regard to a new Engine they may think proper.

Art 5th To see if the Town will provide additional seats for the town Hall or act anything in regard to providing seats or altering said Hall they may think proper.

Art 6th To see if the town will accept of any Roads laid out by their Selectmen or act anything they may think proper in relation to said roads

Art 7th. To see if the town will discontinue the old travelled road leading from the house of William Marshall to the house of Ebeneazer Whittemore and adjoining land owned by Addison Hubbard or act anything thereon they may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this fourth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Timothy Vinton } Selectmen of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg

Fitchburg Nov. 9th 1844 By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the time and place as within directed.

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844.
Novm 11.
Town
Meeting

Town Meeting November 11. 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 11th 1844. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at 3. o'clock P. M. by reading the warrant and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to investigate the subject of the first Article.

Chose. William Carleton

Abel Thurston

Isaiah Putnam

Jefse Spaulding

William Woodbury said Committee

Article 1st.
Insane Poor

Article 2d. Voted to Discontinue the Travel on the Common
Discontinuing between the two rows of Maple Trees and as far
Travel on the down as specified in this Article and that the same
Common &c. may be fenced provided it shall be done free of expense
to the twon.

Article 3d. Voted to pay One half the expense of a First Rate
Town Clock Clock to be placed on the Second Parish Meeting-
House provided the said one half does not exceed Two
hundred Dollars.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to see
this money properly applied.

Article 4th. Voted not to appropriate any more money for a
Fire Engine new Fire Engine.

Article 5th. Voted that the Selectmen procure such movable
Town Hall seats for the Town Hall as they think proper
Seats for.

Article 6. The Two following Reports of the Selectmen of
Roads laid out by them One on the petition of Hiram
Davis and others the Other at the Request of said
Davis were read and on vote were both accepted.

Report of Roads on the petition of Hiram Davis & others

Road by We the Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have
Hiram Davis laid out for the use of said Town a town way as
Accepted. follows Begining at the Southeasterly corner of Hiram
Davis front yard and forty feet from the corner of
Daniel Flint Jr front yard at the southeasterly corner
of the same thence N. 32° E. 132 fēet over a forty
foot pafsway to land of H. Davis and at Northwest-
erly corner of D. Flints Jr. land on the easterly side
of said road there is to be a rounded corner begining
at a point four and a half feete southwesterly from
the corner of said Flints land and five feet easterly
and three & a half feet diagonal with a radius that
will circle the three points and at the place of be-
gining

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at the corner of said Davis the corner is to be curved
viz begining at said Davis corner aforesaid thence

westerly nine feet from the same and northerly nine feet from the same and four feet diagonal with a radius that will make the three points in the circumference of a circle the above described road is to be forty feet wide and is to be continued over the land of Hiram Davis forty feet in the same direction afore-said and the bounds on the westerly side of said road. thence S. 58° E. forty feet over H. Davis land and contained in the road before described to Land of Oakman and Tilden thence S. 58° E. 318¾ feet over land of oakman and Tilden Orvel Stiles Mindwell & A. Beckwith Moses Marshall to land of the heirs of Samuel Willis the said road to be forty feet wide and the bounds on on the Northerly side of the same And we have not awarded any damages to the owners of the land on each side of said way.

Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a publick Town way. Dated at Fitchburg this fourth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and forty four.

Timothy Vinton } Selectmen of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg.

Road by
Hiram
Davis
Accepted

We have' also at the request of Hiram Davis laid out for the use of said town another town way. commencing at a corner of Tilden & oakman,s land upon the Northerly side of the town road above laid out thence running North 32° East 18 rods & 17 links all on land of said Hiram Davis and the road to be two rods wide lying Westerly of the above line said road is already made & constructed to our acceptance and we have awarded no damages as said Davis asks nothing which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg

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H. Davis'
Certificate

I hereby waive any and all formalities, and request the town to accept the last named way at the same time they do the one first above named I also give all Damages
Hiram Davis.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 7.
Old Road
from Wm.
Marshall's
to E. White-
mores
Referred to
Selectmen

Voted that the subject of the Seventh Article be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting September 30. 1844.

1844.
September 30.
Warrant
Recor
Out of Order
by Mistake
J. A. M.
T. Clerk

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg quallified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the thirteenth day of September inst at three oclock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

- 1st To choose a Moderator
- 2d. To choose a Committee to let out and superintend the building of the road on Mechanic Street as ordered by the County Commisfioners
3. To see if the town will repair or rebuild the bridge over the river to South Fitchburg or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this twenty third day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Timothy Vinton } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. September 23. 1844 I this day notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs by posting up copies of the within warrant as directed

D. F. McIntire Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844.
September
30.
Town
Meeting

Town Meeting September 30. 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg September 30. 1844. 3. o'clock P. M. The Town Meeting was opened pursuant to the foregoing warrant by reading the same and under Article first choosing Abel Thurston Moderator

Article 2
Mechanic
Street
Com on

Voted to choose a Committee of three to let out Superintend building of the Road described in the Second Article according to the directions of the County Commissioners.

Chose Josiah Sheldon

Cyrus Thurston

Alpheus Kimball Said Committee.

Article
3.

Voted to pass over the third Article.

Dissolved—Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

N. B. The above Town Meeting is Recorded out of order by mistake Town meetings in November recorded before it.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844.
December 23.
Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting December 23. 1844.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid—Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the twon of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the Twenty Third day of December inst at one o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

Art 1st. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in District No 4. to represent them in Congress for the term of two years from the 4th of March 1845.

Art. 2d. To hear the Report of any Committee chosen at any former meeting of the Town. And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 9th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place as within directed.

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1844.
December 23
Town
Meeting

Town Meeting December 23. 1844.

Town Hall Fitchburg December 23. 1844. 1 O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened by reading the same Selectmen presiding. check List used as the Law directs Votes under the first Article were Recd, sorted, counted and declared as the law directs. and were as follows.

Article 1.
Representa-
tive
to Congress

For Representative to Congress whole number of Votes 352.

Benjamin Thompson had 155.

William Parmenter " 164.

Thomas W. Ward " 33.

Article 2

The meeting was organized for Town business by choosing Capt. Alpheus Boutelle Moderator

Reports on
the Insane
Poor.

The Committee chosen under the first Article of the Warrant for Town business in Nover last on the

subject of Insane Poor made reports under this Article the three Overseers of the poor made a verbal Report that there was no cause of complaint against the Overseer of the Farm (Poor Establishment) on account of his treatment of the Insane Poor. The other gentlemen of said Committee Mr William Woodbury and Mr Jefse Spaulding made a written report which is on file in the Town Clerks office after some warm debate on the subject it was voted that the Report be laid on the Table. Voted to Dissolve the Meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1845.
Warrant
March 3.
1845.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 3. 1845.

To either of Constables of the town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the third day of March next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary town Officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, or act anything respecting the collection of taxes they may think proper.

Art. 4. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to Settle with their Treasurer, and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen, and Assessors, for the year past, and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the ensuing year.

Art 5. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their Work-House and Poor Establishment, the year past; and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the year ensuing.

Art. 6. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to repair their Highways, Town-Ways, and Bridges, the year ensuing—determine the manner of laying out said money—fix the price of labor &c. on said Roads.

Art. 7. To see what method the town will adopt to keep the principal Roads from Leominster to Westminster and Ashby lines, in repair the year ensuing

Art. 8 To choose a Committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing.

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1845.
March 3.
Art. 9. To hear the Report of their School Committee for the past year.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will establish and maintain such a school as is described in the Revised Statutes, chapter twenty-third, section fifth, to be kept for the benefit of all the Inhabitants of the Town: and if so to determine at what place or places in the town the same shall be kept; or do anything in reference to the subject.

Art. 11. To see if the town will divide the territory within its limits, anew, in whole, or in part, into School Districts; or will appoint a Committee to take the subject of such division into consideration and report thereupon; or take any other action touching the subject matter.

Art. 12. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to support their Common Schools the year ensuing, including only the wages and board of teachers, and fuel for the schools; and act anything in regard to expending and division of the same they think proper.

Art. 13 To see what disposition the town will make of the money they receive from the State School Fund or act any thing thereon.

Art. 14. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing.

Art. 15. To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the bells, for town purposes the year ensuing.

Art. 16. To see if the town will restrain Horses. Neat Cattle and Swine from running at large within said town the year ensuing.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

Art. 18. To choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House the year ensuing.

Art. 19. To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years, or act anything thereon.

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1845.
March 3.
Art. 20. To see if the town will choose a Committee to take charge of, and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine Houses, and all the apparatus attached to them belonging to the Town.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will provide a New Engine for Engine Company No 1. or act anything thereon they think proper.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will alter and enlarge the Town Hall and other rooms in their Town House, or act any thing in regard to altering said Hall and House they think proper.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will provide a Sleigh for the Hearse.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will repair or enlarge the Hearse House, or act anything thereon.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will take any measures to widen the road against the burying ground or act any thing thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will pay James L. Haynes for damage sustained by him on the road on Mechanic Street, or act any thing thereon.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will refund to Samuel S. Crocker, the amount of Taxes paid by him for the year 1844, or act anything thereon.

Art. 28. To see if the town will choose a Committee to keep all obstructions from the roads within the town. or act any thing thereon.

Art. 29. To see if the town will release the Trinitarian Society from paying for the use of the Town Hall.

Art. 30. To hear the Report of any Committee chosen at former meetings of the Town and act thereon as they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant

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by posting attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting Houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting—Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the time of holding said meeting—Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Timothy Vinton } of
Alpheus Kimball } Fitchburg

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the time, and place, as within directed.

T. S. Wilson Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1845.
March 3.
Town
Meeting

Town Meeting March 3^d 1845.

Town Hall Fitchburg March 3. 1845. 9. O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by reading the warrant and choosing by Ballot Col Ivers Phillips Moderator.

Moderator.

The meeting was further opened with prayer by Rev Luman Boyden.

Check List used in the choise of Town Clerk and Selectmen as the Law directs.

Oaths. All officers of whome an Oath is required and who were qualified by taking the Oath prescribed by Law to be taken by each officer Respectively in Open Town meeting, and who were chosen into office at this meeting, have the letter s. prefixed to their names on the Record and all who have taken said Oaths since the day on which they were chosen have prefixed to the letter s. the date of day and Month on which they took said Oaths respectively before the Town Clerk.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 1.
Town Clerk. Chose. s. Jonas A. Marshall. Town Clerk who was sworn in open Town meeting by the moderator Ivers Phillips Esq.

Selectmen. For Selectmen Chose.
s. Levi Downe.
s. Abel Thurston.
s. Josiah Sheldon.

Adjournment Here the meeting adjourned for one hour and met again after the expiration of one hour.
For Assessors chose.

s. Abel Thurston.
s. Cyrus Thurston.
s. Levi Downe.

Overseers of
Poor
Treasurer. Voted not to choose overseers of Poor.
For Town Treasurer chose.
s. Ebenezer Torrey, Esq.

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1845.
Article 1. For Constables. Chose

Constables s. Alpheus Kimball.
s. Jeduthan M. Gibbs.
s. Samuel M. Dole.
s. Nathan Tolman.
10(March 10. s. Nathan Whitcomb.
s. Everett Sprague.
s. Ivers Phillips.

Article 2. Voted to take up the Second Article. Under this Article votes were received, sorted, counted, and declared and were as follows for County Treasurer
Whole number of Votes 170.

County
Treasurer.
Article 1.

Anthony Chase had 169.
Isaac Davis " 1.

For Fence Viewers chose

Fence
Viewers.

s. Joseph Pierce.
s. Abel Thurston.
s. William Damon.
s. Alonzo P. Goodridge.
s. Albert Upton.

For Field Drivers chose.

Field Drivers.

James Hartwell.
Dexter Farwell.
s. William Woodbury.
John Carr.
Alonzo O. Carter.
William Miles.
s. Samuel D. Phelps.

(March 8) s. Asa Partridge.

(March. 8.) s. Loren Ware.

(August 25.) s. Levi Fullum.

For Surveyors of Lumber chose

Surveyors
of
Lumber.

s. Abijah Hartwell.
(April 16. s. James Whitney.
March 24. s. Gustavus Lyman.
March 7. s. Henry Maynard.
s. Edwin Upton.
s. Levi Pratt.

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1845.
March 3.
Article 1.
Measurers of
Wood
Sealer of
Weights &c
Selectmen
Appoint
Sealers of
Leather.

Voted that the Selectmen Appoint Measurers of wood and Bark and Sealer of Weights and measurers.

For Sealers of Leather chose.

John Sawyer.
s. Charles Sawtell.

Pound Keeper

For Pound Keeper. chose.

Reubin Rice.

Fire Wards.

For Fire Wards chose.

Alpheus Kimball. (Assist. Eng.)
J. A. Marshall.
Josiah Sheldon. (Chief Eng.
John Prichard. (Assist. Eng)
Ebenezer Torrey.
Robert L. Frair.
John Coldwell
Ivers Phillips
Abel Simonds
Horace Newton
Alvah Crocker
Amos Durant
John H. Wheeler
Timothy S. Wilson
Charles Sawtell

David F. McIntire all of the above persons were notified thereof and signified their acceptance. At a meeting of the Fire wards at the Town Clerks office March 10. Josiah Sheldon was chosen Chief Engineer and Alpheus Kimball and John Prichard Assistant Engineers.

Article 7.
County
Roads

Took up the seventh Article Voted to keep the Roads mentioned in this Article in repair as last year.

Article 1.
Highway
Surveyors

Voted that the Selectmen nominate a list for Highway Surveyors at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 3.

Voted to pass over the third Article for the present.

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1845.
March 3.
Article 4.
Committee on
Treasury &c
Reported.

The Committee chosen to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of Selectmen and Assessors for the past year here made their Report which was read and on vote was accepted. Town Debt Reported \$5,597.38. Last year Debt \$4,335.39. Debt increased \$1,261.99.

Com. to Settle with Treasurer For Committee to Settle with the Treasurer and inspect the acpts of Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing chose

David Boutelle
Abel Stevens
Horace Newton Committee.

Article 5. Pafsed over to adjournment.

Article 6. Voted to Raise Twenty Five hundred Dollars to
Roads & repair Highways and Bridges the year ensuing and
Bridges that it laid out as last year and the same price for
\$2500. for. labor be allowed as last year.

Article 8. For Committee to take care of the Bridges the
Bridge Com. year ensuing Voted that the Selectmen be that Com-
mittee.

Article 9 The School Committee had not completed their
School report it was therefore Voted that when completed
Committees that they cause the same to be printed and five hun-
Report dred copies be distributed to the Inhabitants.

Articles Voted that the Subjects embraced in the Tenth,
10. 11. 12 & Eleventh, Twelfth & Thirteenth Articles in the war-
13. rant be referred to a Committee of one from each
Schools School District to report thereon at an adjournment of
this meeting. Chose Charles Mason Esq

Robert L. Frair
John Whitcomb
Abram Osborn
Levi Downe
Ivers Phillips
David D. McIntire
Asa Ramond
David Lowe
John Andrews
David Boutelle
Isaac B. Woodward Committee.

Article 14 Voted to Raise Four Thousand Dollars to defray
\$4000. necessary Town charges the year ensuing.
Town
Charges.

Article 15. Voted to appropriate twenty Dollars for ringing
\$20. one of the Bells for town purposes the year ensuing.
Ring Bell.

Article 16 Voted that Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine be
Horses &c restrained from running at large.
Restrained.

Art 17.
Treasurer

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the use of the Town.

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1845.
March 3.
Art 18.
Town House.

Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to take charge of the Town House the year ensuing.

Art 19.
Poor Farm

Voted the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Poor Farm for one or more years.

Art 20
Fire Engines
Committee
on

Voted to choose a Committee of three to take charge of and keep in repair the Engines, Engine Houses and all the other Fire apparatus belonging to the Town.

Chose Abijah Hartwell
Alpheus Kimball
John Coldwell Committee.

Article 21.
Engine
No 1.
\$800. for

Voted to appropriate Eight Hundred Dollars for a Good Suction Engine for Engine Company Number One whenever a Sum in addition shall be raised by Subscription or otherwise sufficient to procure said Engine.

Voted that Abel Thurston

Committee
to
Procure

Charles Sawtell
John T. Farwell
Abijah Hartwell and

Benjamin Prentiss be a Committee to procure said Engine when the necessary sum shall be raised.

Article 22

Voted. to pass over the twenty second Article.

Art 23
Hearse

Voted that the Selectmen procure a sleigh for the Hearse.

Art 24.
Hearse
House.

Voted that the subject of this Article be referred to Selectmen to alter as they see fit.

Article 25

The subject of this Article by vote was referred to the Selectmen to report thereon at adjournment of this meeting

Article 26
James L.
Haynes.

Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to confer with Mr Haynes on the subject of this Article and report at Adjournment

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1845.
March 3.
Article 27
Tax of
S. S. Crocker
- Voted to remit so much of Samuel S. Crocker's Tax for 1844 as he was Taxed in 1843. = 1843.
- Article 28
- Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to remove all obstructions from the Roads.
- Article 29.
- Voted to release the Trinitarian society from paying for use of Town Hall.
- Article 30
- The Selectmen made report of their doings for the past year read and accepted.
- Adjourned
- Voted to adjourn for five weeks viz to April 7th 1845 at one o'clock P. M.

April 7.
1845.
Adj of March-meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg April 7th 1845. 1. o'clock P. M. Meeting opened as above pursuant to adjournment by moderator.

- Art. 1.
- Voted and chose Charles Mason Esq
Dr Thomas R. Boutelle
Asa Farwell
Stephen Shepley
J. M. Harris
W. G. Wyman
Dr O. L. Huntley School Committee
- School Committee.
- For Highway Surveyors Chose
- s. Arrington Gibson 2^d
s. Joel Page Jr
(April 16) s. George O. Stickney
(April 12) s Jonathan Whitman
(May 5.) s Thomas S. Eaton
s. Levi Pratt
(May 5.) s. Samuel W. Harris
(May 5.) s. Abel Marshall
s. Samuel Shattuck
s. Farwell Nichols
s. David D. McIntire
(April 31.) s. John Harris and
s. Cyrus Thurston.
s. Edward Smith
s. Alpheus Boutelle

(April 9) s. Arah Ellingwood
s. Abel Thurston

(April 17) s. Daniel Taylor

June 3. s. Jeremiah K. Gibson
J. Foster Beal
s. Hosea Caswell

(May 5.) s William Bemis
s. Everett Sprague

(April 14) s. Nathaniel Cowdin
s. Isaiah Putnam
s. Daniel S. Eaton

(April 8.) s. Charles Russell.

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1845.
April 7.
Article 3d.
Collection of
Taxes

The collection of Taxes was taken by Stephen Shepley at Two Dollars fifty five cents for every hundred Dollars—Chose s. Stephen Shepley Collector.

Collector.

The Town voted to accept of Hon Nathaniel Wood Levi Downe Esq and Charles Shepley as Surety for Collector.

Art 5.
Report on
Poor, and
Committee
on

Report of Committee on Support of Poor was here read and accepted. the Report gives the whole cost of the Poor the year past at \$224.02.

under the fifth article chose a Committee for the year ensuing viz

Alpheus Boutelle
Daniel Works
Abel F. Adams Committee

Schools. Report on by Com.

Articles.
10. 11. 12. &
13.
Schools
New Districts
&c.

The Committee chosen in March last on on the subjects embraced in the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Articles here made the following Report

Report.

“The Committee to whome were referred the 10, 11, 12 & 13. Articles in the warrant for the Annual Town meeting, on the 3^d of March last, have, according to order, had the subject under consideration, and now submit the following Report The committee entertain the decided opinion that the interest of our public schools demand a thorough revision of

our system of districting. Several of the schools are too small. The disadvantages under which small schools labor are numerous and some of them very obvious. When a portion of territory is divided, say into ten districts, which might reasonably well be accommodated with six, and which contains none too many

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April 7.
Report on
School
Districts
&c
Continued

Adjournment of March Meeting April 7, 1845.

Scholars for six schools, one of two consequences must follow: either each district, under the existing arrangement, must have less money, or else a larger amount in all must be raised, the sum total remaining the same each district will have less: the amount for each district remaining the same the sum total will be increased, For instance, if the whole sum be \$600. each of the ten districts would have but \$60.; whereas with six districts only, each would receive \$100. or if you give to each district \$100. then you must raise \$1000. instead of \$600. and in the same proportion for any other sum.

Now take the matter in either way. Suppose first the sum taken to be fixed say at \$600.—in which case each of the districts can receive only the small amount \$60. instead of \$100. the result is a perplexingly small amount of school money. What shall the district do? Either have a short school or a poor teacher; and not unlikely in the anxiety to avoid each horn of the dilemma, the district may practically find itself pinned upon both. But suppose the school to obtain a good teacher, for a short term. Every body who has any knowledge of the matter knows, that it takes some time to get a school fairly in progress; so that in fact a school of two months is worth scarcely if at all more than half as much as the same school would be if continued three months. Here then is incurred the whole expenditure for getting ready to do what after all is to be left but half done, the half of the preparation money is

lost, absolutely thrown away. Suppose next that the district takes a poor teacher and has a school of reasonable length, then not merely is some portion of the expense of preparation sacrificed, but it may be that the whole amount of the money is as bad as wasted, nay actually worse. It is imposible to have a good school with a poor teacher. A good teacher is the very life and soul of the School; and lifelefs and running to desolation must and will the school be without such a teacher.

We have spoken of good and poor teachers as having some connection with the price paid, And the fact is so, though the price is not an infallible test of the quality. School teachers are not a commodity carrying an implied warranty that a sound price shall secure a sound article.

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Report on
School
Districts
Continued.

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But when a Commodity is so rare as are really good teachers, and the demand is so great it is in vain to expect to get a sound article without a sound price. The district then with a small amount of money must either pay a high price with the probability of gitting a good teacher, or else pay an inferior price with all but the moral certainty, unlefs by some very accident, of getting a poor teacher. But more then all this, a district in the circumstances supposed, cannot ordinarily secure the services of a teacher of the first qualifications, even with the high price, such teachers do not desire such schools, They want Schools where a larger sphere of usefulness is open to them, and where they can be employed for a longer term of time, and they can and will get such Schools. It is little object to keep a small school for a short term, and a teacher of the kind in question will not do it, unlefs it be occasionally to piece out another School. Look now, at the matter in the other light. In the case Supposed, instead of having the sum total fixed and raising but \$600. in all,

thereby putting the districts on short allowance, assume that the amount for each district is fixed, say at \$100. You must then raise \$1000. for ten districts, instead of \$600. which would suffice for six. And this difference \$400. is so much money thrown away, unless you can show some countervailing advantage that is to result from having small schools. But we utterly deny that there is any such advantage. On the contrary we insist that a school of 15. or 20. or 25. even of all ages, labors under positive disadvantages, as compared with one having 40. Scholars.

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Report on
School Dist
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Where the number of scholars is small, and those of all ages, it is impossible to having anything like suitable classes. In a great measure the scholars must proceed "solitary and alone." there are few scholars who, under such circumstances, can prosecute their studies to the best effect. They want the sense of companionship to stimulate them, and keep them properly braced up to the work. A. class of scholars of nearly the same age, and pursuing the same studies, will animate one another, will beguile the wearisomeness of their common way, and by contact will quicken and sharpen and invigorate each others intellectual powers and energies. Now to apply these principles to the case of our own schools, we have nine districts, including No. 12½ which on the first of May last contained an aggregate of 254. scholars between 4 and 16. years of age. This number distributed into five schools would give 51. for each. But the aggregate of attendance in those nine schools, taking our own scholars only, for the last year, was 194. which divided among five schools, would make 39. to each—a number by no means too large for one school. These nine districts, last year had \$712½ of school money. Three other districts had \$718½. The money of the nine districts fur-

nished an aggregate of schooling amounting to about 4400 weeks, making, if you allow 44 weeks, exclusive of vacations, for a year, 100 years of schooling. The money of the three districts furnished 6800 weeks or 155 years of schooling.—making in amount of time, 55 years additional or more than half as much again schooling, for the same amount of money, substantially. We do not pretend to say there was precisely that proportion of gain in the one case over the other: But we submit it to the judgment of any candid man whether it be not abundantly plain that here was a clear unequivocal and decided advantage, in point of economy, in the expenditure of the money, in one of these classes of schools over the other. When the districts are small, besides the great expense of instruction for each individual scholar, a disproportionately large share of the

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money required for Schools must be expended upon the building, maintaining and warming of school-houses. The difference is not trifling in the expense of building and keeping in repair nine suitable School houses, though of a little smaller size, and five of a little larger size; and between maintaining nine fires or but five for warming them. In one word under such circumstances, the money, whether for instruction or the other uses of the schools, cannot be expended to the best advantage,—so as to tell to the best effect—so as to yield the full amount of benefit which it is capable of yielding. What renders it especially important that some action should be taken on this subject of districts, *now* is the undeniable fact that a number of the school-houses must have something done with them, and that speedily. A decent regard to the health, the reasonable comfort and the progress of the children imperatively demands that more suitable school houses should be provided than exist at present in several of the districts.

Some of those houses might be repaired; others are not worth repairing. Now there exists, we believe, pretty generally, a feeling that the present division of the town into school districts, is not a fit and proper one, and that it will probably, before long, be changed. In this unsettled and doubtful state of things, districts naturally feel reluctant to enter upon the building of new school houses, or the thorough repairing of old ones. Indeed, it is not desirable that they should do either any further than is actually necessary, until the matter has been definitely settled upon some basis. In regard to school houses the committee think it the more judicious course that the town should

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as it is authorized by law to do, provide School Houses for the several School districts, at the common expense of the town. This course they believe will promote materially the interests of the schools. It will secure better school-houses throughout the town, and at a cheaper rate. When the districts provide their own houses, if they build, the whole expense must be borne by the inhabitants of the particular district. The temptation is therefore to put off building as long as possible—to make the old school house answer as long as it possibly will, and a good deal longer. And when they do come to build they are tempted to build a cheap house—which in the result is the very dearest and least economical kind of school house. And then the outlay comes all at once, and in districts containing but a small population, and those not wealthy, the expense of erecting a decent and suitable school house is a heavy burden—too heavy to be borne without actual and serious inconvenience to many. But if the town provide the school houses at the common expense, no one district will be content to help build good school houses for other districts, and remain with a poor &

miserable one for itself. The result will be that all will demand and eventually will obtain what all ought to have suitable School houses. And then if the town, at the common expense builds a school house or two this year, and another or two next, and so on until all are supplied, the burden being equally divided out among all, would not be sensibly, at least not oppressively felt by the inhabitants of any particular district. And there is in fact an actual saving of expense. if the time and trouble and cost of assessing and collecting separate school district taxes, to build or to repair School houses, as in this case the whole would go in with the general town taxes.

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Another consideration of great weight is, that if the houses were provided by the town, the building of them would be more likely to be placed under such supervision as would secure better constructed, more comfortable & more suitable houses. But the present School houses belong to the respective districts. They were built at the expense of the districts and are their property. They are of very unequal value. It would therefore not be just, nor is it to be expected that the districts should surrender their School Houses to the town without compensation, as might be done were their value equally proportioned to the several districts. The plan proposed by the Committee which is believed will obviate all difficulties of this kind, is this; that the town provide school houses at the common expense for the several public schools, and that it purchase of the existing districts, at a fair appraisal, their respective school houses and rights to the soil on which they stand, and that this appraised value of the property of each district be divided among the persons who would be liable to pay a school district tax, in such district, on the first day of May next, and in proportion to the valuation on which such tax would

be assessed, and that the amount thus coming to each individual be credited to him towards paying his general town taxes. This course we think would operate justly towards all the districts and would be attended with little trouble or inconvenience. The inhabitants of each district having a school house which was built at their expense and is their property, would receive from the town the appraised value of such school house, whatever that might be. But there would be no need of any payment of money in the transaction.

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Districts
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The town as a town raises money to purchase the school houses of the districts and for its other purposes, and the amount which each individual is to receive from the town as his share in his own school house will be credited to him and go so far towards paying his tax for purchasing the school houses and for other town purposes. These two things, the discontinuance of the present districts & the present purchase and future provision of school houses, the committee think must go together. They would never recommend to the town to undertake to furnish school-houses for the districts as they now are. It would be a waste of money in building the houses, to be followed by a continual waste in maintaining schools in them.

For the division of the town into school districts or proper portions for maintaining schools, we propose that a committee be chosen by the town consisting of a small number of impartial and disinterested individuals, competent judges of such matters, who should take an actual personal survey of the town for the purpose and make such geographical division of the territory as they shall deem fit, into districts; and define the limits of such districts; which division the town might afterwards establish & erect the several portions so divided off into regular school districts, if they should see fit.

In respect to the subject of a school to be kept for the benefit of the inhabitants of the whole town as indicated in the 10th article of the warrant, the committee by common consent forbear to propose any action at this time, or to express any opinion upon it. They regard the matter of the districts and School houses as one so absolutely fundamental, that they are unwilling to encumber it with any extraneous matters.

In regard to the amount of school money that should be raised, the committee think that a liberal advance should be made upon the sum heretofore raised, & such they believe to be the general opinion. They would propose a larger sum, but for the consideration that it will be necessary for the town to be at considerable expense in purchasing and providing school houses, should the course recommended by the committee be adopted. As the case stands they propose that the town raise the sum of \$2000. & that the money which shall be received from the state school fund the current year & the balance

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not divided which was received from that source last year be added to that sum & the whole apportioned among the schools. As to the principle or mode of apportionment the committee have not deemed it advisable to recommend any specific course at this time. The money will not be needed until the winter schools commence and as there will undoubtedly be town meetings held before a long time for other purposes connected with the schools & other business, they have thought it best to leave the matter wholly untouched until it shall be ascertained what division if any, of the town into districts shall be made & established. In conclusion the committee submit the following several propositions which they recommend to the town for its adoption namely:

Proposition 1.st That the present division of the town into school districts be discontinued, such discontinuence to take effect on the 15th day of May next, from and after which day the existing school districts of the town, including No. 12½, shall be abolished; & that the town purchase of the several districts, at a fair & just appraisal, their respective school houses, & their right and interest in the land on which the same stand respectively, provided the said districts shall severally do and execute all needful acts and instruments for the transfer and conveyance to the town of their respective school houses and their interest in the land on which they stand on or before the said 15th day of May next, reserving to the several districts the school money which has been apportioned to them, to be expended under the present system by the several prudential committees now chosen for maintaining summer schools in the present school houses in those districts; & that henceforth the town provide at the common expense of the town, school houses for the

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several school districts that shall be formed within its limits.

Proposition 2. That a committee of three suitable persons be chosen by ballot who shall as soon as conveniently may be appraise and value the school houses of the several districts, and the right and interest of such districts in the land on which the same stand respectively, and shall report such appraised value to the assessors of the town; and that such appraised value of the school house and land of each district shall be apportioned by the assessors among the persons who shall be liable on the first day of May next to have a school district tax assessed upon them, in such district, and in proportion to the valuation on which such tax would be assessed, and that the shares of such persons respectively be credited to them towards the payment of their town taxes and that of the

appraised value of the school house & land of No. 12½. the same proportional part be paid to the persons liable to a school district tax on the first of May next, in that part of the district which is in Lunenburg, which was paid by the said Lunenburg portion of the district towards building the house & procuring the building spot. provided always that the said several districts shall do and execute all needful acts and instruments for the transfer and conveyance of their respective school houses and lands to the town as aforesaid.

Proposition 3. That a committee of three individuals be chosen by ballot who shall make a personal examination and survey of the whole territory of the town and shall divide the town geographically into school districts, and determine the limits of such districts, and who shall before the first day of June next, make to the town, or file in the town clerk's office a report of their doings in the premises, such report to be subject to the future action of the town.

Proposition 4. That the town raise for the support of common Schools for the current year including only the wages & board of teachers and fuel for the schools, the sum of \$2000.

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Proposition 5. That the money that shall be received from the state school fund for the currant year, and the portion yet undivided received from the same source last year, be added to the money raised by tax, to be divided among the several schools.

All which is respectfully submitted. For the Committee

Charles Mason Chairman.

Fitchburg April 7. 1845.

The foregoing pages from the 324. contain the full Report of the Committee on the subjects embraced in the 10. 11. 12. & 13. Articles of the March Meeting warrant as copied by J. A. Marshall T. C.

Report on the
10. 11. 12 &
13. Articles
Read &
Accepted.

After the foregoing Report on the Subject of School Districts &c. had been read to the town it was voted that the same be accepted and laid on the table.

It was here moved to adjourn this meeting until the first and second articles in the April Meeting Warrant should be acted upon, but a bar was found to exist in consequence of April meeting having been adjourned until the business of the March Meeting warrant had been finished consequently the meeting was not adjourned and the meeting Voted to take up the Report just laid on the table

Proposition
1 Read and
Adopted
See page 332.

The Proposition 1. in said Report as recorded on Page 332. of this book was read and on vote was accepted and adopted.

Proposition
2

Voted to accept and adopt the second proposition in the Report which is Recorded on Page 333. of this Book. under the 2^d proposition chose for committee to appraise the Several School houses &c

Committee to
Appraise
School
houses, land
&c.

John Prichard.
Alpheus Boutelle.
Isaac B. Woodward.

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Proposition
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Voted, to accept and Adopt the third proposition in the Report which is Recorded on Page 333. of this Book and for a committee for the purposes set forth in this proposition Chose

Committee to
New district
the Town.

Cyrus Kilburn, of Lunenburg	} Com. to new District the Town &c.
Solon Carter, of Leominster	
Ebenezer Frost, of Ashburnham	

Voted that the Selectmen notify the above committee of their having been chosen for the purposes set forth in the proposition above referred to and that they the Selectmen after such notice appoint time and place for said Committee to meet and that they attend upon said Committee when in the performance of the duties to which they have been chosen.

Proposition
4
\$2000. for
Schooles

Voted. to adopt the forth proposition in the Report as recorded on Page 333. of this Book that is to Raise two thousand dollars for the support of schools &c

Proposition 5. Voted to accept and adopt the fifth proposition in the Report as recorded on Page 334. of this Book at the top of said page.

N. B. The first three Propositions in the Report above acted on by the town were all passed as votes both under the March and April meeting Warrants and to save the recording of them under both Warrants in full I have recorded them with the rest of the Report and have referred to them as above and shall do the same under the April meeting warrant, believing that such record will clearly express the action of the town on this important subject

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 25. Voted to pass over the twenty fifth article.

Article 26. Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to settle with Mr James L. Haynes in any way they may think just and for the interest of the town.

J. L. Haynes Damage.
Adjourned. Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in May next at 3 o'clock in the after noon.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

[336] March Meeting Adjournment May 5th 1845.

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May 5. 1845. Town Hall Fitchburg May 5. 1845. at 3. oclock P. M. Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened by the Moderator at the above place and time.

Article 1. Voted and chose s. Daniel Lowe.

Highway Surveyors. June 2. s. Levi McIntire.

May 31. s. Franklin McIntire.

Highway Surveyors.

Voted and chose

Same day s Kilburn Harwood. Constable.

Article 11. The Report of the Committee chosen April 7. 1845 under the 3 Proposition which is Recorded Page 333 of this Book was here read to the town when it was voted that the Report be received and that the same be committed to a new Committee for revision and when revised by said Committee to report to the town.

School Dis-
tricts
Report on &c.

Committee
to Revise the
Report on
School
Districts

Voted that the above committee of revision consist of five. Chose Nathl Wood

Levi Downe

Abel F. Adams

Levi Kendall

Ivers Phillips Committee

Voted that when we adjourn it be to the Second Monday in August next at 1. o'clock P. M.

Article 14.
\$6182.00
For Town
charges,
in addition to
\$4000.==
\$10182.00.
See Page 321.
Adjourned.

Voted to raise Six Thousand one hundred eighty two Dollars in addition to the money already raised for necessary town charges.

Voted to adjourn to the eleventh day of August next it being the second Monday of said month at 1. o'clock P. M.

Attest J A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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August 11.

March Meeting Adjournment August 11. 1845

Town Hall Fitchburg August 11. 1845 1. oclock P. M. Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened as above. the Moderator being absent the meeting voted and chose Deac Abel Thurston moderator Pro Tempore

School Dist.

The committee chosen in May last of which Nathl Wood Esq was chairman to whome the Report of the Districting Committee of whome Cyrus Kilburn Esq was chairman was refered for revision stated by their chairman that they were not prepared to report, the chairman also stated that had he been present when chosen on that committee he should he should most certainly declined and that on account of his other engagements he now should resign as a member of said committee whereupon Charles Mason Esq was chosen in his stead. Levi Downe Esq also resigned and John Whitcomb was chosen in his stead and Abel F. Adams also resigned as a member of that committee and William Woodbury was chosen to fill the vacancy. Ivers Phillips Esq another member of said committee resigned and Dr Thomas R. Boutelle

chosen. The Committee to whome the Report of the Committee to new district the town is refered is composed as follows.

Committee
on School
Districts, &c.

Charles Mason
John Whitcomb
William Woodbury
Levi Kendall
Thomas R. Boutelle Committee

In consequence of there being no new districts established it was

Provision
for winter
of 1845. & 6
for Schools.

Voted. That shoools be kept the ensuing Autumn and Winter in the Several School Houses of the Town for terms of time not lefs than ten nor more than eighteen weeks for each school, & that for this purpose so much of the money raised by the town the current year for the support of schools, be expended, as shall be required, after using the fuel provided for Schools by any of the former districts and now on hand; & that the school Committee be desired to consult with the individuals who were chosen prudential Committees, the current year relative to the employment of teachers, the time the schools shall

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be kept & the like, and that those individuals be desired to render such assistance to the School Committee as they may require in performing the duties appropriate to the office of prudential committees, the scholars to attend school within the same territorial limits as heretofore, unless otherwise permitted by the School Committee.

Report of
Districting
Committee
to be printed

Voted that the Committee appointed to district the town be authorized to have their report or reports printed & distributed among the inhabitants of the town for their examination one Month prior to the next March Meeting.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Officers appointed by Selectmen

Measurers of Wood & Bark The Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg at a meeting this day held for that purpose hereby appoint the following persons to be Surveyors of Wood & Bark for the year ensuing for sd. town:

March 21. s. Ebenezer Ball.

April 16. s. Asher Green.

April 7. s. Alpheus P. Kimball.

April 14. s. William Wilder.

Addison Davis.

April 5. s. Joseph Pierce.

April 22. s. John L. Joslin.

April 17. s. Samuel M. Dole.

Sanford Sawyer.

March 31. s. Robert L. Frair.

April 7. s. Abel Simonds.

March 24. s. John Kendall.

March 22. s. John L. Bailey.

March 22. s. Jonathan Tenney.

Sealer of
Weights &
Measures.

And June 2. s. Abijah Hartwell to be a sealer of Weights and Measures for sd town the year ensuing.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Fitchburg March 19.th 1845.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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April 7.
Warrant.

Warrant for Town meeting April 7. 1845.

Worcester, fs: To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid. Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the seventh day of April next, at three o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1. To see if the town will discontinue or alter the present division of its territory into School Dis-

tricts; and will choose a Committee, with power for the purpose, to divide the town anew into School Districts and determine the limits of such Districts, or make any alteration they may see fit in the existing Districts; or will take any measures for such new division or alterations.

2. To see if the town will assume the duty of providing School Houses for the several School Districts that are or may be formed within its limits; and will purchase of the several Districts their respective School houses and grounds, and if so, to determine in what manner the value of the same shall be ascertained; or will do anything in relation to the subject.

3. To see if the town will authorize their Bridge Committee to widen the Bridge near the Factory of Ivers Phillips, and give such directions as they think proper for the repairing or rebuilding of said bridge.

4. To see if the town will accept of the road as laid out and widened by the Selectmen on the south side of the new burying ground on land of Samuel Burnap or act anything thereon they think proper.

5. To see if the town will accept of the road as petitioned for by Elliot Wood and others, and laid out by the Selectmen, commencing at the great road, near the store of Benjamin Snow, and the new building of Torrey and Wood, thence over a passway to the road leading by the house of John Prichard, or act any thing thereon.

6. To see if the town will allow Samuel Phelps damage for injury done to his horse on the highway, or act anything thereon.

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7. To see if the town will refund to the subscribers for the Crockerville Engine (it being No 4. in said town) the amount by them subscribed towards procuring said Engine.

8. To see if the town will authorize Engine Company No. 1. to dispose of their Old Engine, and appropriate the proceeds thereof, for the purchase of apparatus and hose for the new Engine.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting houses in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting—Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirty first day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Josiah Sheldon	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel Thurston	
Levi Downe	

Worcester, ss. Town of Fitchburg March thirty first 1845 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days before the time set for said meeting

J. M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town
Meeting

Town Meeting April 7. 1845.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 7th 1845. at 3. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator.

The business under the March Meeting Warrant not being finished it was Voted to adjourn this meeting until that should be done. this meeting was accordingly opened after all the articles in the March meeting Warrant had been disposed off.

Articles 1. & 2. Voted that the first and second Articles in the warrant be taken up together.

School Districts &c. Voted to adopt the first Proposition in the Report made in the March meeting which is recorded on Page 332. of this book.

Proposition 1st.

Proposition 2d. Voted to adopt the second Proposition in the above mentioned Report which is Recorded on Page 333. of this Book, and for a committee to appraise the Several School houses and grounds as set forth in

Committee to said Proposition chose John Prichard.

Appraise School Houses, &c. Alpheus Boutelle.

Isaac B. Woodward.

Proposition 3d. Voted to adopt the third Proposition in the Report above mentioned which is Recorded on Page 333 of this Book and for the Committee contemplated in

Committee to said Proposition chose

New District the Town. Cyrus Kilburn of Lunenburg

Solon Carter of Leominster

Ebenezer Frost of Ashburnham

N. B. The Three Propositions above refered to were passed as votes and were also passed in the March Meeting this day held by adjournment a Note of explanation is recorded under the proceedings of March meeting on Page 335. of this book and marked "N. B." in the margin which see.

Conveyances of School houses Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to see to the conveyances of the Several Schoolhouses &c.

Land &c. Voted that the Bridge Committee build a Stone Arch Bridge near the Factory of Ivers Phillips as set forth in the third Article in the Warrant.

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April 7.
Article 4th.

The Selectmen here made the following Report of a widening of the Road against the new burial Ground,

Road by Burial Ground

Road Report.

We the subscribers, Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows. Beginning at a small maple tree on the

Southerly side of the road leading by the new Burying ground opposite the new path leading from the road to said Burying ground and running N 79° E twenty three rods eighteen links to a small Poplar tree marked, thence N. 77 E. four rods to a small oak tree marked, thence N 58 E three rods, seven links to a stake and stones, thence N. 54 E four rods to a stake on said road, all the above lines being on land of Samuel Burnap said location to be on the Northerly side of said line and including all the land lying between the line and the above Road, said location to be a widening of the old Road. And we agreed with the owner of the land over which said way passes, for his damages, as follows, viz. to the said Samuel Burnap fifteen dollars to be paid by the said town of Fitchburg before the said Road is opened, and to make and keep in repair 14 rods of fence against the old burying ground, said fence to be posts with 2 rails. And we allowed the owner of said land thirty days for the removal of the wood and timber standing and growing thereon, Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this thirty first day of March in the year 1845

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Voted to accept the above Report.

Voted that the Selectmen see to the making of said Road.

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Selectmen
to Make

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Article 5.
Road
Report on
the petition of
Elliot Wood
& others.

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The following Report on the petition of Elliot Wood and others for a Road was here read to the town and on vote was accepted.

Report of Road.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a

town way as follows: Beginning at the great Road at the Northwest corner of the new brick block of Torrey & Wood and thence N. 68. E. 27. rods to a stone set up at the Northeast corner of land of Elliot Wood, thence N. 67½ East 6. Rods 22. links to a stake near the Northwest corner of land owned by Leland & Holt, thence N. 12¼ W. 10. rods 15 links to a stone set up at the west corner of land owned by Abel Stevens thence North 27¼ E. 4. rods and three links to a stone set up at the Notherly corner of land of s^d Stevens where it intersects the road leading by the house of John Prichard. Said Road to be twenty feet wide on the three first mentioned lines, and one rod and twenty three links wide on the line last mentioned—and to lie on the northerly and west-erly side of said course. And we have allowed no damage as none was claimed. Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this thirty first day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 6. The Subject of the sixth Article was by vote refered to the Selectmen.

Article 7. Voted to pass over the seventh Article.

Article 8. Voted that Engine Company No. 1. be authorized to sell and apply the proceeds as mentioned in this Article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Warrant
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Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, *Greeting*. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the eleventh day of August inst at one O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

- Article 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- Art. 2nd. To see if the town will accept of a Road laid out by there Selectmen as petitioned for by Timothy F. Downe and others, beginning near the house of Warren Parkhurst and ending near the paper mill of Jesse Lyon or act any thing thereon they may deem proper.
- Art. 3rd. To see if the Town will accept of an alteration of the road near house of Charles Farwell as laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by Alpheus Boutelle and others, or act any thing thereon.
- Art. 4th To see if the town will authorize their Bridge Committee to build a new Stone Bridge on the road leading by Mefrs Coldwell & Sprague's Tanery or act any thing thereon.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will build a new Powder House and act any thing in regard to the same they may think proper.
- Art. 6th To see if the town will authorize their Assessors to take a Census of the inhabitants of the town when taking Statistics as ordered by the last Legislature or act any thing thereon.
- Art. 7th To see if the Town will build an Engine House for the use of Engine No. 1. and act any thing thereon they may think proper.
- [345]** Warrant for Town Meeting August 11. 1845.
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- Art. 8 To see if the Town will erect a new fence to any part of their Burying-ground or act any relative to fencing the same they may think proper.
- Art 9th. To hear the report of the Committee chosen to New District the town and to act upon any matter said Committee think proper to suggest.

Art. 10th. To see if the Town will build any new School-houses or repair any of their old School houses for the use of said town or of the several Districts as they may be divided or act any thing relative to the subject matter they may deem proper.

Art. 11th. To see if the Town will assume the defence of a Suit at Law commenced on or about the 12th day of July 1845 by N. F. Cunningham & others against Everett Sprague one of the towns Surveyors of Highways for an alleged injury to their land in repairing the road near the Stone Mill in Fitchburg & will indemnify and discharge the said Sprague from and against all Damage, loss & liability, arising out of said suit, or of the subject matter to which it relates; and will appoint an agent or agents with authority to manage and defend the said Suit on behalf of the town, or to settle and adjust the same & the subject matter in controversy out of which it arose, in such manner or on such terms as they shall see fit, or as the town shall direct, or will take any other action in reference to the subject.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

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August 11.

Warrant for Town Meeting August 11. 1845.

Worcester SS — — August 2^d 1845

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public

meeting-houses in said town eight days before the time of holding this meeting

Nathan Whitcomb Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town
Meeting
August 11,
1845

Town Meeting August 11. 1845.

Town Hall Fitchburg August 11. 1845. at 1. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by reading said Warrant and choosing under the first Article Abel Thurston Moderator after the meeting was opened and organized it was Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour The meeting was again opened pursuant to adjournment.

Article 1st.
Moderator

Art. 2.
Road Report
T. F. Downe
petition
rejected

Voted not to accept of the road petitioned for by Timothy F. Downe mentioned in this article and that the Article be pafsed over.

Article 3.

Voted to accept the Report of a Road or ateration as set forth in the third Article as petitioned for by Alpheus Boutelle and others, and that the Selectmen let out and superintend the making of said Road. The following is the Report. above accepted.

Road by
Charles
Farwell's
Accepted

We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows—Beginning at a Maple tree on the easterly side of the road leading by the house of Charles Farwell and about thirty rods northerly of said Farwell's house thence N. 23° E. seventeen rods and seven links on land of Dexter Farwell thence N. 3½° west nine rods and eighteen links to a

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beach tree on land of said Farwell untill it intersects again with the road aforesaid, said road to include all the land between said course and the old road on the westerly side of sd. course, and we have appraised the damage to the said Dexter Farwell to be ten dollars to be paid him by the said town of Fitchburg before said road is opened. Which said road is here-

by reported to the town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this forth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 4.
Bridge by
Stone
Factory

Voted that the Subject of the forth Article in the warrant be refered to the Selectmen with authority to build or not as they see fit.

Article 5.

Pafsed over the fifth Article

Census 6.

Voted that the Assessors be authorized to take census of the inhabitants of the town &c.

{ No of Inhabitants returned by Assessors
August 1845 3883. (See Page 355.)

Article 7.
Engine No 1.
House.

Voted that the Selectmen build a house for Engine No 1.

Article 8.
Burial
Ground

Voted that the Selectmen fence such parts of the burial ground as they think proper or necessary.

Article 9.

Pafsed over by vote

Article 10

Voted that the School Committee be authorized to make such temporary repairs upon the several School houses as shall be necessary & to keep the houses in order the coming winter at the expense of the town.

Article 11.

Voted to indemnify Mr Sprague from all cost on account of the suit mentioned in the eleventh Article, and that the whole matters embraced in this Article be refered to the discretion of the Selectmen to manage as they see fit.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A Marshall Town Clerk

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Militia Roll.

Roll of Militia.

The following pages contain a list of persons liable to be enroled as Soldiers in the town of Fitchburg on the first day of May 1845.

Abel Thurston } Assessors
Cyrus Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Sewall F. Adams	Leonard Howland
Charles Ashworth -	Eleazer Jewett
Nath ^l S. Boutell	Franklin Kimball
David Battles	William Kilgore
Sam ^l Battles	Asa Lowe.
Charles Battles	Henry Maynard
Sam ^l Burnap	Adam Miller
Calvin Battles	Hiram P. Nutting
J. F. Beal	Franklin A. Osborn
Flavel Barns	Silas Pratt
Joseph Bemis	Alonzo Phelps
John Boutell	Moses Perkins jr
Joseph Willard	W ^m Palmer
Levi Bishop	Nath ^l Perry
John Bates	Isaac Ripley
Job S. Bigelow	Sam ^l Roberts
Samuel Barns 2 nd	Jefsee Spaulding
Eph ^m Bowen	John Start
George S. Blake	Chs. Sawtell 2 ⁿ
Henry Farwell	Rufus P. Smith
Abijah W. Carter	Jonas Stone
Andrew P. Conant	James S. Vandeford
George A. Corsen	Thomas Varney
Franklin Constantine	James Whitney
Joel P. Chapin	W ^m Woodbury jr
W ^m S. Downe	Sabin Woodbury
Albert B. Damon	Jonathan Whitman
Addison W. Damon	Rinaldo Weeks
William Damon	Almond Wheeler
Thomas S. Eaton	James Weldon
Sam ^l H. Evans	Selin Worcester
Arah Ellenwood	W ^m Whitcomb
Dexter Farwell	Ira Younglove
Levi Fullum	Joseph Pierce
Levi Farnsworth	Zephania Hammond
Charles Farwell	Aaron Eaton Jr
Johnathan Farnsworth jr	Edward Page
Haskell Farwell	Charles H. Raymond
H. H. Farnsworth.	Silas Winchester
W. T. Farnsworth	Reubin Gibson
Elias Gates	Augustus C. Houghton
John Goodridge Jr	Chs S. Rice
Henry Grimes	J. Sumner Kinsman
Charles Hall	John H. Pillsbury
Willard Harris	Francis A. Whitney
John Hancock	John Parkhurst
Humphrey Howland	Israel Wetherbee Jr

Olover H. Eaton
Stephen W. Dole
Sam^l M. Dole

Abram S. Dole
Sam^l Stratton
Benj^m F. Wheeler

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Roll of Militia.

Chs S. Farrer
Francis Chaffin
Edwin Harrington
Levi Sherwin
Franklin Phillips
Edmund W. Cutler
Hiram W. Pitts
Henry Warren
Thomas L. Sawyer
Hiram Wood
James M. Comee
Josiah Spaulding
Moses Marshall
Philander G. Barrett
Horace S. Bowman
Fitch Downe
Loren Wares
Sam^l J. Sheldon
Francis E. Williams
John Holman
Abel Derby
William Sandin
Chs Arnold
Sam^l M. Caswell
Addison Davis
William Sampson
Horace Sargent
O. L. Pond
Joseph C. Barns
George N. Mann
Gustavus Lyman
Charles Davis
David C. Brick
Alfred H. Brick
John P. Jaquith
Chs Barker
Francis Sheldon
Prichard Dexter
Ebeneazer A. Bartlett
Amos Durant Jr
W^m F. Durant
W^m Green
Holdin

James Pierce
John P. Sheldon
S. G. Godard
Ward B. Farrer
W^m H. H. Hinds
Charles Saunders
Charles H. Birch
Elbridge H. Amsden
Asa Patridge
Oren Patridge
Chs Barrett
John Carr
Salathel W. Farmer
Shepard Atherton
Joseph Leavett
Leonard Hartwell
Noah E. Powens
Daniel R. Streeter
Lemuel W. Gibson
Henry Phillips
Lovell Williams
Munroe Blanchard
David E. Wares
John Williams 2ⁿ
Sam^l Harwood
Geo L. Adams
Naham Wetherbee
Leonard Stark
Sam^l Saunders
Stephen Hicks
Sam^l H. Brown
Elijah D. Gleason
John Scism
Henry Scism
John H. Frair
Sam^l Scism
Russell Waters
Reubin Smith
Silas Waters
Leonard Smith
David Richardson
Chs Thurston
Abel L. Thurston

Aldin P. Churchill
 George A. Kendall
 Harrington Sibley
 Chandler Crocker
 Joel W. Eager
 John O. A. Mellen
 Sam^l Whitney
 Harry Downer
 Moses G. Lyon
 Augustus Dyke
 Albert T. Pierce
 Ira Gleason
 George Frost
 Luther T. Frost
 N. B. Ager
 Andrew W. Smith
 Alfred Wetherbee

John L. Baily
 Lyman Baker
 Chs Kinsman
 Rufus P. Smith
 Josiah S. Stearns
 James W. Chapman
 Chs Russell
 Alfred D. Kinsman
 Joseph Smith
 George O. Stickney
 Austin Mosman
 Sam^l Farwell
 Eli Raymond
 Hosea Caswell
 W^m B. Phelps
 Jabez Flint
 Andrew J. Dean

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Roll of Militia

Chs P. Dean
 W^m Davis
 Daniel S. Eaton
 Daniel Thayer
 Harvey Mack
 Almen C. Hilton
 John Smith
 Thomas Sheldon
 David M. Parker
 Justin Stearns
 Edwin D. Works
 Luther G. Whitcomb
 John L. Ray
 Owen Hart
 Abel F. Adams
 Alonzo Andrews
 Daniel Andrews
 Artemas Andrews
 Lysander Andrews
 Edward Atkinson
 Leander Andrews
 Benj^a Arnold
 Hosea B. Aldrich
 Owen Boynton
 Chs D. Bond
 Jacob Brown
 Josiah W. Boutell
 Silas P. Billings
 Reubin Billings

Stillman Burnap
 Elisha Brown
 George H. Bofs
 Isaac T. Babbit
 Alvah A. Beckwith
 E. F. Baily
 Murray Bartlett
 Nathan L. Battles
 Sam^l Bennett
 Loren Brown
 Charles T. Billings
 Aaron F. Beman
 Noah Ball
 George Briggs
 Joseph Baldwin 2nd
 Ransalier Bacon
 Levi H. Blanchard
 Cyril Bowker
 James Barnes
 S. O. Brown
 John D. Buckford
 W^m Blifs
 Daniel Blood
 Henry W. Brackett
 Benj^m F. Baker
 George P. Bard
 Sam^l Carter
 Charles Carter
 Alvah Crocker

Elijah S. Carter
 Stephen Caswell
 Nathan Caswell
 Sherman G. Conant
 Franklin Colburn
 Henry Conant
 Sam^l M. Carter
 Horace C. Crehore
 Austin S. Crehore
 Artemas R. Smith
 W^m Coughlin
 John Clark
 Stilman Coney
 Martin Coughlin
 Erastus Cramm.
 Sam^l H. Corser
 Stephen B. Cramm
 Richard K. Clark
 Frederic Cutler
 John A. Carpenter
 Hiram Davis
 Hiram Davis 2nd
 W^m L. Davis
 George De Wolf
 Francis Day
 Daniel A. Davis
 William Dickerson
 E. A. Dickerson
 Oscar Davis
 Daniel Emory

Amos Eaton
 Alvah Emory
 Ivers Emerson
 Henry G. Farnsworth
 Levi Farwell
 W^m B. Flagg
 Barney Fuller
 Edward W. Fay
 Job Forster
 S. Gilman Frost
 Philander H. Fletcher
 Ward N. Flagg
 Arrington Gibson 2nd
 Arrington Gibson 3rd
 Jacob Gibson
 Joseph Gibson
 Barker Gibson
 Jeremiah K. Gibson
 Alonzo P. Goodridge
 Jefferson A. Goodridge
 Silas H. Goodnow
 Alfred Gay
 Nath^l Gilmore
 Ira Green
 J. R. Gaut
 John Gillett
 Lyman J. Gibson
 Austin B. Gates
 Ezekiel Gates
 Ebenezer C. Hayden

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Roll of Militia

George W. Hager
 Jacob Haskell
 W^m E. Haskins
 John M. Harris
 Sam^l Hall 2nd
 Albert H. Haskell
 D. H. Hale
 P. P. Howard
 Sam^l M. Humes
 Joel E. Hunt
 Caleb Harding
 Georg Hudson
 Samuel M. Hayden
 Charles Howard
 Stephen Holman
 Edwin Holmes

Ira Holt
 George P. Hawks
 Silas Hosmer
 Amos S. Hyde
 Henry B. Homer
 Luther G. Howard
 Levi Harris
 Joel Hartwell
 Abram Jaquith
 Charles Johnson
 Martin Johnson
 W^m Jaseph
 Luther Jennis
 Charles V. Jacobs
 Leander Comee
 George Kimball

Loren Kendall	Saml E. Ney
Lorenzo Kinsman	David Ordway
Jeremiah Kinsman Jr.	William Orcuit
W ^m L. Kinsman	Francis Phillips
Frederick A. Kendall	James P. Putman
David Lowe	C. N. Pratt
Freeborn Lawrence	Levi H. Phelps
Uriah Lawrence	Aldin Phelps
Benj D. Leverett	Porter Piper
Aaron K. Litch	Sullivan G Proctor
Edwin Lamb	Enoch Page
James B. Lane	Thadeus Petteplace
Henry J. Lowe	Lawrin Pratt
Franklin Lion	Thomas Palmer
Lemuel Long	Benjm F Proctor
John Lowe	W ^m B. Pritchard
James W. Leverett	Alfred Parker
George Litchfield	W ^m M. Park
Rufus Litchfield	Merril C. Pevery
Quincy Linch	Israel H. Parker
W ^m M. Leathe	W ^m Parmenter
Chs Long	W ^m W. Pritchard
W ^m J. Merriam	Horace R. Rice
Levi McIntier	Zacheus Richardson
Jed Mayo	Reubin Rugs
W ^m Miles	Augustus Rice
Daniel Moulton	George Reed
Horace P. Mefsender	I. G. Richards
Stephen McIntire	John Robbins
Abel Marshall	Prentice Richardson
Lyman McIntire	Alden Ripley
Reubin McIntire	Benjm Safford
Chs Mason	Avory Stockwell
Francis McIntire	Loriston Stockwell
T. J. Myers	Joseph T. Scott
Caleb H. Metcalf	Abel Stephens
Horace Metcalf	Flint Sheldon
Russel A. Miller	Roby Safford
Henry Monroe	David A. Smith
E. G. Mears	Clark Simonds
Michael McDonald	John A. Stiles
W ^m Malay	Orville Stiles
John F. Murdock	James F Stiles
W ^m D. Newton	Allen Smith

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Roll of Militia

Ezra B. Stevens
Henry Sackett

Augustus Safford
Chs R. Shattuck

John Sharp	S. L. Worcester
Daniel Simons	W ^m Whitney
Fation Sampson	Josiah B. Willard
John H. Smith	James B. Wheeler
Warren Stone	John A. Wood
Hartson Sheldon	W ^m S. Whitwell
Andrew J. Twitchel	Albert A. Whitney
John M. Twitchel	Samuel Ware
Thomas Oakman	W ^m Wright
Cahill Tolman	Waldo Wallace
Daniel Taylor	Merril Wilder
A. B. Tilton	Alfred Whitmore
Sam ^l W. Tileston	Tyler Younglove
Hartwell C. Twitchell	W ^m F. Young
Henry Town	Cyrus Munson
Darius Tucker	J. W. Emerson
Joseph Trobridge	W ^m W. Comee
James Tarp	Francis W. Whitney
R. H. Torrey	Chs B. Barrett
Albert C. Upton	Henry Hutchinson
Lysander Upham	George F. Hudson
Frederic C. Vanderford	Chs Stone
Nathan Whitcomb	Benjm Spaulding
Timothy S. Wilson	Oren Griswold
W ^m G. Wyman	Henry Safford
Winchester Wyman	Chs P. Adams
James Whittemore	Chs H. Pierce
Alfred M. Wheeler	Daniel W. Bofs
John Weld	Theodore Lock
Isaac D. Wiswold	Manlius Trussell
David E. Ware	Elnathan C. Gibson
David C. Whitcomb	Alfred Marshall
Sam ^l Walton	Adoniram J. T. J. Renington
Loren Ware	W ^m L. Wilder
Allen Wyman	Alfred W. Mann
James Wilkins	Marquis L. Holden
Aaron Wheeler	Chs H. White
George A. White	Carnine H. Kemp
Albert N. Winchester	Saml A. Corser
E. Russell Williams	

Whole number enrolled 541.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1845.
Warrant for
Town
Meeting
Novm 10.

Warrant for town meeting November 10. 1845.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the
Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greet-

ing. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the tenth day of November next it being the second Monday of said month at ten of the clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and for five Senators on one ballot for the district of Worcester County for the year ensuing Also at the same time and place to choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January And you are directed to sirve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Worcester fs Fitchburg Octobr 25th 1845 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town fourteen days before the time for for said meeting J. M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg

Town Meet-
ing.
November 10
1845.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 10. 1845 10.
o'clock A. M. Town meeting opened pursuant to the
above warrant Selectmen presiding and Check list used

as the law directs. the following votes were given,
Sorted, counted and declared, returns thereof made
out, signed, Sealed and directed in open town meet-
ing as the Law directs and were as follows

Governor For Governor Whole number of Votes 510.

George N. Briggs had 220.

Isaac Davis " 161.

Samuel E. Sewall " 107.

Henry Shaw " 22.

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1845.

November 10

Lt. Governor. For Lieutenant Governor Whole number of Votes 512.

John Reed had 220.

George Savary " 161.

John M. Brewster " 107.

Charles W. Moore " 22.

Senators For Senators. Whole number of Votes 512.

John G. Thurston had 218.

Joseph Stone " 204.

Stephen Salisbury " 218.

Calvin Willard " 202.

Jason Goulding " 197.

Walter A. Bryant. " 163.

Adam Harrington " 178.

Francis Howe " 164.

Ivers Phillips " 179.

Orison Underwood " 177.

Thomas W. Ward " 107.

Rodolphus B. Hubbard " 107.

Joseph Griggs " 107.

Gilman Jones " 107.

Charles Adams Jr. " 107.

William Sigourney " 22.

Seth Alden " 22.

William Harrington " 22.

Thomas Davis " 22.

Royal B. Hancock " 22.

Charles W. Wilder " 2.

Francis Perkins " 1.

Representative

For Representative Whole number of Votes 360.

Nathaniel Wood had 143.

First Ballot Alpheus Boutelle " 133.

John Coldwell " 82.

Walter Heywood " 1.

Edwin Upton " 1. no choise

here the meeting adjourned for one hour

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1845.

Novm. 10.
Representative

Town Meeting November 10. 1845.

For Representative—Whole number of Votes 415.

Choise 208.

Second Ballot Nathaniel Wood had 166.

Alpheus Boutelle " 148.

John Coldwell " 101. no choise

Adjourned

Voted to adjourn this meeting to tomorrow at 9. o'clock in the fore noon for the choise of a Representative

Novm. 11.
Adjourned
Meeting.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 11. 1845. at 9. o'clock A. M. pursuant to adjournment from yesterday the meeting was opened as above by the Selectmen. Votes were then received for a Representative which were as follows Whole number of votes 433. necessary to a choise 217. Nathaniel Wood had 215.

Alpheus Boutelle " 117.

John Coldwell " 98.

Artemas Farwell " 2.

Levi Downe " 1. no choise.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to 2. o'clock P. M. this day. meeting opened pursuant to adjournment. Votes were again received for a Representative and were as follows—Whole number 420. for choise 211.

Nathaniel Wood had 195.

John T. Farwell " 134.

John Coldwell " 80.

Francis Perkins " 2.

Alpheus Boutelle " 5.

Artemas Farwell " 2.

Levi Downe " 1.

Levi Pratt " 1. no choise.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Census of
Fitchburg
1845

A Census of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg taken by the Assessors agreeable to a vote of the Town passed August 14. 1845.

No of Males under 20. years of Age	766.
No of " over " " " "	<u>1220.</u>
Whole No of Males	<u>1986</u>
No of Females und 20. years of Age	787
No of " over 20. " " "	<u>1110</u>
	<u>1897</u>
Total	<u>3883</u>

Fitchburg August 1845.

Abel Thurston }
Cyrus Thurston } Assessors of Fitchburg
Levi Downe }

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1845.
November 24.
Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 24. 1845.

Worcester fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the twenty fourth day of November Inst it being the fourth Monday of said month at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to choose a Representative to represent them in the general Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town eight days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this eleventh day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Abel Thurston } Selectmen
Josiah Sheldon } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Worcester fs: Town of Fitchburg November 14th 1845 Pursuant to the within within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town eight days before the timeset for said meeting

Jedathan M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meet-
ing
Novm 24.
1845

Town Hall Fitchburg November 24. 1845 at 9. o'clock A. M. Pursuant to the above warrant the meeting was opened by the Selectmen—check list used—Votes were reed, sorted, counted and declared for a Representative as follows. Whole number of votes 523.

No Represent-
ative
Chosen 1845

Nathaniel Wood	had 250.
John T. Farwell	" 158.
John Coldwell	" 108.
Alpheus Boutelle	" 2.
Levi Downe	" 1.
Nathaniel S. Boutelle	" 1.
Charles Mason	" 2.
Edwin Upton	" 1. no choise

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1845.

Warrant
November 10

Warrant for Town Meeting November 10, 1845

Worcester fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the tenth day of November next at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:

Art 1st

To choose a Moderator

Article 2nd

To see if the town will accept of the following Roads as laid out by their Selectmen viz: one petitioned for by Frances Cheever and others commencing at her house and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashby near John Sawyer,s shop. One petitioned for by A. P. Kimball and others commencing near the house of William Bemis and terminating near the new Sythe Shop of Kimball & Chandler. One petitioned for by William E. Ellick and others commencing near James M Creters house and terminating at the road leading by the Fitchburg Cotton Mill near the house of Samuel M. Dole One petitioned for by Samuel Burnap and others commencing at the road leading by said Burnap,s house and terminating at the road leading by John Caldwell's house near a new house owned by said Burnap. One petitioned for by John Caldwell and others commencing at the road leading leading over the bridge by the Stone Mill and near said Mill and terminating at the maine road leading through the village near the red boarding House owned by said Stone Mill Company and occupied by Mr Metcalf. And one petitioned for by Alpheus Kimball commencing near his house and terminating at the County road leading from Fitchburg to Ashbernham nearly opposite said Kimball,s Scythe Shop and act any thing in regard to said roads they think proper—

Article 3d,

To see if the town will discontinue so much of the old road leading from Alpheus Kimballs house to the County road as is not covered by the location of the one last mentioned in the preceeding article act anything thereon

Article 4th

To see if the town will authorise their Bridge Committee to contract with some person to build a new stone bridge across the river in South Fitchburg where the old arch Bridge now stands or act anything thereon they think proper—

Article 5th

To see if the town will raise the road near the old arch Bridge in South Fitchburg or act anything thereon.

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1845.
Article 6th

Warrant for Town Meeting November 10. 1845

To see if the town will choose a Committee to name the several streets in the centre village or act anything thereon And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this thirty first day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty five

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Worcester fs: Town of Fitchburg October 31st 1845.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town seven days before the time set for said meeting

Jeduthan M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meet-
ing
November 10.
1845.

Town Meeting November 10. 1845.

Article 1.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 10. 1845 at 2. O'clock P. M. pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was opened by reading the same and choosing Nathaniel Wood Moderator under the first Article in the Warrant. after the meeting was organized it was adjourned for one hour.

Article 2.

Report of
a Road on
petition of
Frances
Chever
and others

The Selectmen then made the following Reports of Roads laid out by them. First Report on petition of Frances Chever Read and on vote was accepted. Voted that the Selectmen see to the making of said Road to their acceptance—for Report see next page.

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1845.
Roads,
Frances
Chever.

Town Meeting November 10 1845.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows. Begining at a stake nine feet south of the Southwest corner of the house of Frances Cheever thence through said Cheevers land North 64° West one rod & 19. links then continuing same course through land of John Sawyer 8 rods and 21. Links, thence continuing same course by land of Benjamin Wheeler seven and a half feet thence continuing same course by land of Charles Livermore and John Sawyer about nineteen feet to the road called Mechanic Street said road to lie on the Southerly side of said course and for the first ten rods to be twenty feet wide thence the Southerly line to be carried on a circle so that the road at Mechanic Street shall be three rods wide the greatest width of the circle from the two extremities to be four and a half feet And we have agreed with the owners of the land through which said way pafses or appraised their damages which is as follows. Frances Cheever & John Sawyer releases all damages for laying said way through their land and we have agreed with Jonas A. Marshall for the sum of \$5.00 & Charles Livermore for the sum of \$46 00 and have apprised to Benjamin Wheeler the sum of \$16 to be paid by the said town of Fitchburg before the road is opened.

Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this 25th day of October in the year 1845

Josiah Sheldon	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel Thurston	
Levi Downe	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Alpheus P.
Kimball
Road.

Second Report was on the petition of Alpheus P. Kimball and others which was read and accepted—the Selectmen to see the same built to their acceptance.

Report.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows, Beginning at a stake & stone on the easterly side of the town road leading by the house of William Bemis and about six rods south of said Bemis house thence south $48\frac{3}{4}$ E. sixty seven rods by land of W^m Bemis and A. P. Kimball & co to a stake & stones to be two rods wide and to lie on the Southerly side of said course. And we have agreed with the owners of land over which said road is laid who releases all damages for laying said way through their land. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way

Dated at Fitchburg this 30th day October in the year 1845

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1845.
Roads.

Town Meeting November 10. 1845.

The Report of Selectmen on the petition of William C. Ellick for a Road was next read to the Town and on vote was accepted on condition that the same be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen without expense to the Town. The following is the Report.

William C.
Ellick
Road.
Now
Chestnut
Street

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows Beginning at a stone post on the northerly side of the road leading by the Fitchburg Cotton Mill and near the house of Saml M. Dole thence by or through the land of said Dole North $27\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ East thirty eight rods to a point one foot easterly from the South west corner of James M. Cutters house to be twenty one feet wide and to lie on the easterly side of said course. And we have agreed with the owners of the land over which said way passes for their damages who severally release all damages for

land used for said town way. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public high way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 30th day of October 1845

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Samuel
Burnaps
Road.

Report of Selectmen on the petition of Samuel Burnap for a Road was next read and on vote was accepted—the following is the Report—

Cross St.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows: Beginning at a stake & Stones on the westerly side of the town road leading by the house of Saml Burnap at the corner of land owned by N. F. Acworth thence North $53\frac{3}{4}$ West twenty eight rods on the southerly side of land owned by Saml Burnap which is now used as a traveled way to the road leading by John Caldwell, said location to lie on the Northerly side of said course and to be thirty feet wide And we have agreed with the said Samuel Burnap who releases all damages for laying said way through his land which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted & recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way

Dated at Fitchburg this 30th day of October in the year 1845.

Abel Thurston. } Selectmen of
Levi Downe. } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1845.
Novm 10.
Road by the
Stone
Factory

Town Meeting November 10. 1845.

Report of the Selectmen of a Road by Stone Factory in the "Old city" so called—petitioned for by John Coldwell and others was read and on vote was accepted—the Report follows.

now called
Mill Street

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of

Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows. Beginning at the Southerly side of the great road on main Street leading through the village in said Fitchburg in the part of the village called the "Old City" at a stone set in the ground near the boarding house belonging to N. F. Cunningham & others & now occupied by Caleb H. Metcalf thence south 33° East sixty five feet to a stone set in the ground at a point eight feet distant from the southeasterly corner of said boarding house and in a line with the Southerly end of the same house. thence south 17° East two hundred & eighty nine feet to a stone set in the ground at the northerly side of the road which pases over the bridge below the "Stone mill" factory building and at a point thirty six feet & four inches easterly from the southeasterly corner of said building The said way is to pafs over land which has heretofore been used as a travelled road by said town and in which land Nathl F Cunningham Otis Abercrombie & Ched^r Marshall claim a right title & intrest said way is to lie on the easterly side of the course above stated and to include all the ground between said corner & the southerly side of the afore-said great road on the first line & the first twenty feet of the secon line above mentioned & thence to be twenty feet wide to the termination of the same. And we have agreed with those who claim to have a right, tithe & intrest in the land over which said way pases for their damages as follows to said Cunningham Abercrombie and Marshall the sum of Fifty Dollars to be paid by said town when said way is reported and accepted. Which said way is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this first day of November in the year 1845

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Capt Alpheus
Kimball's
Road.

The Report of the Selectmen on the petition of Alpheus Kimball of a Road laid by them was heard to the town and accepted

Report.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows: Beginning at Rock Maple tree on the west side of the Road and thirty eight feet from the house of Capt Alpheus Kimball in a range of the east end of the same. thence south 9° West twenty one rods to a stake and Stones

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November 10.
Alpheus
Kimball's
Road contin.

Town Meeting November 10. 1845.

in a range with the North side of said Kimball's house near the County Road, thence South 5° west six rods and Six links to the County Road, said location to lie on the easterly side of said course, and passes partly over land of said Kimball and partly over the present town way, the first six and half rods to be one and a half rods wide the next fourteen rods to be two rods wide—thence to widen in a direct line so that at the termination of the same at the County Road it is to be three rods and nine links wide. And we have agreed with the said Alpheus Kimball, who released all damage for laying said way through his land. Which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this twenty fifth day of October in the year 1845.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 3.
Road Discon
tinued.

Voted to discontinue so much of the old Road referred to in the third Article as is not covered by the Road accepted above.

Article 4.
Bridge at
South
Fitchburg

Voted that the Bridge Committee be authorized to contract for the erection of a Stone Bridge over the river at South Fitchburg at the place mentioned in the fourth Article in the warrant for this meeting.

Article 5.
Road by
Arch Bridge.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to raise the road by Arch Bridge.

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1845.

November 10.

Article 6.
Committee
to Name
Streets.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to name the streets in the centre village in this Town—(Fitchburg.

Chose Francis Perkins

John L. Joslin

Abial J. Towne

Nathaniel Wood

Alvah Crocker Said Committee.

Road by
Stone
Factory.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to consult with the stone Mill Company and ascertain on what terms a wider road can be obtained by the Stone mill where they have laid out and the town have accepted at this meeting of a Road petitioned for by John Coldwell and others and Recorded in this Book Page 361.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to morrow at 10. o'clock A. M.

November 11. 1845 at 10. o'clock A. M. Meeting opened pursuant to adjournment.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

J A. Marshall Town Clerk

Novm 24.
1845.

Warrant for Town meeting November 24. 1845.

Warrant.

Worcester. fs: To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the twenty fourth day of Novr. inst. at eleven O'clock, in the fore noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen, beginning on Main Street near the boarding-house owned by N. F. Cunningham and others and ending at the Road leading by John Coldwell's near the Stone Mill.
- 3rd. To see if the town will establish a Public High School and take measures to procure real estate, or suitable accommodations therefor or act any thing respecting the same they may deem proper.
- 4th. To see if the town will cause embankments to be made

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on either side of the Mill Pond of A. P. Kimball & co. for the purpose of keeping the water from flowing over and injuring the Road which now passes over said Pond.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this seventeenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five.

Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

Worcester, fs. Town of Fitchburg Nov 17th 1845.
Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days before the time set for said meeting

Jeduthan M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meet-
ing
Novm. 24.
1845.

Pursuant to the above Warrant the Town meeting was opened at the Town Hall November 24. 1845. at 11. o'clock A M.

- Article 1. Voted and chose Abel Thurston Moderator
at 12. o'clock the meeting was adjourned for one
hour meeting again opened at 1. o'clock P. M. pur-
suant to adjournment
- Art. 2. The Report of the Selectmen of a Road under this
Article was read and on vote was rejected.
- Art. 3. Past over by vote.
- Art. 4. Past over by vote. Voted to dissolve the meeting
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant
March 2.
1846.

Warrant for Town meeting March 2. 1846

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the
Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greet-
ing: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts—you are directed to notify the Inhabitants
of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elec-
tions and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in
said Fitchburg, on Monday the second day of March
next, at nine o'clock in the fore noon, then and there
to act on the following Articles:

- Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year
ensuing
- Art. 2. To bring in their votes for County Treasurer.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will choose their Treasurer
Collector of Taxes or act any thing respecting the
collection of Taxes they may think proper.
- Art. 4. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to
settle with their Treasurer, and inspect the accounts
of their Selectmen and Assessors, for the year past:
and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the
year ensuing.
- Art. 5. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to
ascertain the expenses of their work house and poor
establishment the year past—and choose a Commit-
tee for the same purpose, for the year ensuing.
- Art. 6. To see what sum or sums of money the town
will raise to repair their Highways, Town-Ways and
Bridges, the year ensuing—determine the manner of
laying out said money—fix the price of labor &c. on
said roads.

Art. 7. To see what method the Town will adopt to keep the two principal roads from Leominster to Westminster lines, in repair the year ensuing.

Art. 8. To choose a committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing. (over)

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Art. 9. To hear the Report of the Committee chosen to present a new plan for dividing the Town into School Districts, and act any thing in regard to said Report—or any other proposition for dividing the town into School Districts they may think proper.

Art. 10. To hear the Report of their School Committee for the past year.

Art. 11. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of common Schools for the ensuing year, including only the wages and board of Teachers and fuel for the schools; and act any thing in regard to the expending and division of the sum, they may think proper.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will build any new School Houses, repair old ones, or to take such measures in regard to their School-Houses as they may think proper.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will take some efficient measures to prevent scholars from injuring School-Houses, or act any thing thereon.

Art. 14. To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray their necessary Town Charges the year ensuing.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the Bells for Town purposes the year ensuing, and taking care of the Town Clock.

Art. 16. To see if the town will restrain Horses neat Cattle and swine from running at large within said Town the year ensuing.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

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Art. 18.

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To Choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House, the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon they may think proper.

Art. 19.

To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm, for one or more years, or act anything thereon.

Art. 20

To see if the Town will choose a Committee to take charge of, and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine Houses, and all the apparatus attached to them, belonging to the Town.

Art. 21.

To adopt such measures as they think proper to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in town, in future, or act anything upon the subject they think proper.

Art 22

To see if the town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen, commencing at the Road leading by the house of Warren Parkhurst, a few rods easterly of said Parkhurst's house, and terminating at the Road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster, near the house of Abel Simonds, as petitioned for by William S. Downe and others and act anything in regard to said Road they think proper.

Art. 23

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen, commencing near the house of Edward Smith and terminating near the house of John Daisy as petitioned for by said Daisy, or act anything thereon.

Art 24

To see if the Town will accept of a piece of Road as laid out by the Selectmen, near the house of Joseph Baldwin.

Art. 25

To see if the Town will abate the Taxes of certain persons, which remain uncollected, on the Tax Bill of 1841, or act anything in regard to said Taxes they think proper.

Art. 26.

To see if the Town will provide a Hearse for Winter use, and act anything thereon they think proper.

Art. 27.

To hear the Report of any Committee chosen at former meetings of the Town and act thereon as they think proper.

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March 2.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 2^d 1846.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

Fitchburg Feb. 14th 1846. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time, & place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting.

J. M. Gibbs Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1846.

Town
Meeting
March 2d.

Fitchburg March 2^d 1846. Town Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg March 2^d 1846. 9. o'clock A. M. the meeting was opened pursuant to the foregoing Warrant which being read by the Clerk the meeting was organized by choosing

Moderator

Col. Ivers Phillips Esq. Moderator.

Prayer.

Prayer by Rev. Calvin Lincoln.

Check List.

Check list used in choosing Selectmen and Town Clerk as the Law directs all voted for at the same time.

Oaths.

The Officers of the Town chosen under the foregoing Warrant also those appointed by the Selectmen

during the year which have been or may be returned to me of whome an Oath is by Law required and who were qualified in Open Town meeting on the day of election will have the letter s prefixed to their names respectively and if qualified at any other time in addition to the letter s will be prefixed the date on which said Officers took the Oath of office respectively

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 1
Clerk.

Chose. s. Jonas A. Marshall. Town Clerk. who was sworn by the Moderator in Open Town Meeting.

Selectmen

Chose. s. Josiah Sheldon. }
s. Abel Thurston. } Selectmen.
s. Levi Downe. }

Assessors

Chose. s. Abel Thurston. }
s. Levi Downe. } Assessors.
s. Ivers Phillips. }

Dinner.

At twelve o'clock the meeting adjourned for one hour for dinner—at 1 o'clock the meeting was again opened.

Voted. not to choose Overseers of poor.

Treasurer

Chose. s. Ebenezer Torrey. Esq Treasurer.

Constables

Chose. s. Kilburn Harwood. }
s. Ivers Phillips. }
March 10. s. Jeduthan M. Gibbs. }
s. Charles Sawtell. } Constables.
s. Samuel M. Dole. }
s. John Coldwell. }
March 7. s. Cahil Tolman. }
s. Edwin Upton. }
s. Stephen Shepley. }

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Town Meeting Fitchburg March 2. 1846.

1846.

March 2.

Chose. s. Thomas Eaton.

Fence

Viewers.

March 11. s. Joel Page Jr.
s. William Woodbury Jr.
s. Levi Kendall.
s. Samuel Hawes. Fence Viewers.

Field

Drivers.

Chose. s. John Harris.
Daniel Virgil.

March 10. s. Porter S. Putnam.
Winchester Wyman.
Warren Worcester.

June 1 s Lyman McIntire.
James L. Haynes.
Benjamin Snow.
Leander Comee.

David Boutelle. Field Drivers. and at
the adjournment of this Meeting April 6. chose in
addition to the above list

April 15. s. Jonas Stone.

Surveyors
of
Lumber.

Chose. May 16. s. Abijah Hartwell.

s. Edwin Upton.
Gustavus Lyman.
s. Loring Kendall.
s. Abel Simonds.

James Whitney. Surveyors of Lumber.

Sealers
of
Leather

Chose.

John Sawyer.
s. Charles Sawtell. Sealers of Leather

Pound Keeper

Chose. March 9. s. Reubin Rice. Pound Keeper.

Fire Wards

Chose. Alpheus Kimball.

J. A. Marshall.
Josiah Sheldon. Assist. Eng.
John Prichard. Chief Eng.
Ebenezer Torrey.
Robert L. Frair.
John Coldwell. Assist Eng.
Ivers Phillips.
Abel Simonds.
Horace Newton.
Alvah Crocker.
Amos Durant.
John H. Wheeler.
Timothy S. Wilson.
Charles Sawtell.
David F. McIntire.
Alpheus P. Kimball. Fire Wards

All the above persons signified their acceptance as
the Law directs—and at a meeting of the Firewards
at the office of the Town Clerk March 10. 1846 John

Prichard was chosen Chief Engineer. Josiah Sheldon and John Coldwell Assistant Engineers.

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Town Meeting Fitchburg March 2. 1846.

Tythingmen

Voted. not to choose Tythingmen.

Wood Meas.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint measurers of Wood and Bark.

Article 2.
County
Treasurer

Votes for County Treasurer were Recd. sorted counted and declared as follows whole number of votes 195. all for Anthony Chase.

Article 9.
School
Districts
Reports
on

The Committee chosen to present a new plan for dividing the Town into School Districts mentioned in the ninth article of the warrant. here made their Reports which had been printed and distributed some time prior to this meeting. the first was the Report of the Majority of said Committee viz: Charles Mason Esq. John Whitcomb and Dr Thomas R. Boutelle which was read by its title and on vote was accepted and laid on the Table.

The Minority Report by William Woodbury and Levi Kendall was read by its title and on vote was accepted and laid on the Table. after the above Reports were disposed of as above recorded it was Voted to adopt the territorial limits for School Districts as they existed in 1844. except the half District.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to assign the territory which was formerly the half District to other Districts and fix the limits of the Old Districts.

Chose for the above Committee

Levi Downe Esq.

Abel Marshall.

William Carleton.

Article 12.
School
Houses
Repairs

Voted to choose a Committee to repair School Houses for the Several Districts as now constituted at their discretion. Voted the Selectmen be that Committee.

Article 1.
School Com.

Chose

Ivers Phillips.

Stephen Shepley.

Asa Farwell. School Committee.

Voted the Selectmen nominate and report at adjournment a list for Highway Surveyors.

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Town Meeting March 2. 1846.

1846.
March 2.
Article 3.

Voted not to choose our Treasurer Collector of Taxes the year ensuing.

Article 4.
Treasury &c
Report on
Debt.
\$6,321.01.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the Accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors the past year made their Report which was read and Accepted. The Report shows a balance against the Town \$6,321.01.

Committee
on
Treasury

Chose for Committee to settle with Treasurer and inspect the acpts of Selectmen and Assessors the year ensuing David Boutelle.
William Carleton.
Abel Simonds.

Article 5.

Voted. to pass the fifth Article over to the adjournment

Article 6
\$2500. for
Highways
&
Bridges.

Voted. to Raise for the Support of Highways and Town ways and Bridges the year ensuing the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars to be expended as last year.

Article 7.

Voted. to pass over the seventh Article in the Warrant

Article 8.
Bridges.

Voted. the Selectmen take care of the bridges the year ensuing.

Article 11.
For Shools
\$2000.

Voted. to raise for the support of Schools the year ensuing Two Thousand Dollars.

Voted. the farther consideration of this article be passed over to the adjournment.

Article 13
School
Hous-
Damage.

Voted. That the School Committee see the Law carried into effect against any who shall injure or damage any of the School Houses belonging to the Town.

Article 14.
Town
Charge
\$5,000.

Voted for necessary Town Charges to Raise Five Thousand Dollars.

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1846.
March 2.
Article 15.
\$25.00. Ring
Bell &c.

Voted. to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Dollars for ringing Bell for Town purposes and taking care of the Town Clock the year ensuing.

Article 16.
Horses &c
Restrained

Voted. that Horses, Neat cattle and Swine be restrained from going at large within this town the year ensuing.

Article 17.
Treasurer

Voted the Treasurer be authorized to hire money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Article 18
Town
House.

Voted the Selectmen be a Committee to take charge of Town House the year ensuing.

Article 19
Overseers
of
Poor.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years.

Article 20
Engines
Committee
on

Voted to choose a Committee to take charge of and keep in repair the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and apparatus attached to them belonging to the Town.

Chose for said Committee Abijah Hartwell.

John Coldwell.

Abraham S. Dole. and

Thomas F. Handy.

Article 21.
Sale of
Spirits.

The Subject of the Twenty First article by vote was refered to a Committee of three who are to report on the subject at the adjournment chose

David Boutelle.

Jacob Haskell.

Benjamin Snow.

Voted that the Selectmen be added to the above Committee.

Article 22

Voted the 22 Article be passed over to adjournment.

Article 23

Road. on the petition of John Daisy the Selectmen made a Report of a Road laid out by them which was read and accepted & adopted and that the Selectmen cause the same to be built to their acceptance.

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1846.

Road from
John Daisy's
to
Edward
Smiths

Town Meeting March 2^d 1846.

In accordance with the above petition and order thereon we the Subscriber Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town, a town way as follows: Beginning at a stake and

stones at the easterly side of a passway leading by the house of John Daisey and in a line with the south-erly side of said House—Thence south 28° west thirty four rods on land of said Daisey to a stake and pile of Stones on the wall. Thence south 51° west two rods and sixteen link on said Daisy's land to a stake in the wall by a large heap of stones at the corner of Edward Smith's field—Thence south 51° west eighteen rods ten links to the south west angle of a large Rock—Thence south 32° 30' west eight rods to a stake and stones—Thence south 9° 30' West twenty eight rods ten links to a stake and stones by the wall near the orchard—Thence south 14° West thirty rods and twenty three links to a stake in the wall on the East-erly side of the Road formerly laid for the use of Edward Smith—The four lines last mentioned are all over land of Edward Smith. The road to be two rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course—And we agreed with the said Edward Smith for his damage to be \$150.00 to be paid by said town when said road is opened—The said John Daisey agrees to relinquish all damage for said road passing over his land and to make 60. rods of the Northerly end thereof to the acceptance of the Town—Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their accept-ance; and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this eighteenth

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1846.
Road
see
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Town Meeting March 2^d 1846.

day of February in the year 1846.

Josiah Sheldon	} Selectmen
Abel Thurston	
Levi Downe	
	} of
	} Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk—

Article
24.

Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Joseph Baldwin and Abel Thurston was here read to the town and on vote was accepted and adopted—the Report follows

Road by
Joseph
Baldwins
School
Street.

Road Report.

In accordance with the above petition and order thereon we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the Town, a town way as follows. Beginning at the Northerly termani of the road leading by the house of Abel Thurston at a stake and stones at the North west corner of said Thurstons land—Thence North 26° 30'. East 105. feet on land of Enoch Coldwell to a stake and stones—said road to be two Rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course and is over land Deeded by the above named Joseph Baldwin to the said Enoch Coldwell to be kept open and occupied as a public pass-way—no damage is claimed on the above—which Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty first day of February in the year 1846.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Voted to pafs over the twenty fifth Article to the Adjournment.

Art 26.

Voted that the Selectmen procure a suitable Hearse for winter use.

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Article 27.

Names of
the Streets in
Fitchburg.

Town Meeting March 2^d 1846.

The Committee chosen to name the several Streets at a former meeting, here made the following Report.

The committee chosen by the Town at a meeting held on the 10th November 1845. to name the several streets in the centre village in the Town of Fitchburg, make the following Report. That from the first Parish meeting house including both sides of the common down to the new Public House (called the American House) be called *Main Street*.

From the first Parish meeting house on the Ashby

road by the House of Ebenezer Whittemore be called *Mechanic St.*

From the first Parish meeting house by Enoch Caldwell's and by the house of John Carr, be called *Prospect St.*

From the first Parish meeting house by the Red mill and by the House of Jonas Marshall to Josiah Sheldon's, be called *West St.*

From Steven Dole's blacksmith's shop over the stone bridge to the second stone bridge on the Ashburnham road, be called *River St.*

From West St. near the district school House and by the same and by Abel Thurston's to land of Enoch Caldwell, be called *School St.*

From West St. near the house of Samuel M. Dole, and by the same and by James M. Cutter's, be called *Chesnut St.*

From Main St. near the second Parish meeting house over the Sheldon bridge (so called) by the house formerly occupied by the late Oliver Fullum, be called *Rollstone St.*

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From the Town House by the Bake House so round out to Rollstone St. near the House of the late John Dole be called *Bakers St.*

From Main St. near D. Moulton's Tavern by the Academy and by Nathan A. Tufts House be called *Academy St.*

From Academy St. near the Academy up by the House of Sanford Sawyer be called *High St.*

From Academy St. near the house of Hiram Davis by the House of Moses Marshall, be called *Pleasant St.*

From Academy Street near Nathan Whitcomb's by the House of John Prichard out to Main Street near C. Marshall's be called *Prichard St.*

From Main Street near Benjⁿ. Snow's store by the House of Elliot Wood and out to Prichard Street near the House of N. Whitcomb, be called *Central St.*

From Main Street near Emory's hatters shop by the House of Porter Piper and round by the House of Horace Newton to Main St. be called, *Cottage Square.*

From Main Street near the house of B. D. Leverett to Newtons Factory, be called *Newton's Lane*

From the American House by the House of Samuel Hawes to the House of Abel F. Adams, be called *Blossom St.*

From the American House, on the Lunenburg road, by David Bontelles House and by the House of Alonzo P. Goodridge, be called *Summer St*

From the American House, by the Rail Road Depot & by Samuel Evans House on the Leominster road, be called *Water St.*

From the American House, over the bridge by John Caldwells & by the burying ground be called *Laurel St.*

From the bridge near the House of Mifs Abigail French by the House of Samuel Burnap & by Samuel W. Harris' to be called *South St.*

The short street leading from Laurel St. to South St. be called *Cross St.*

all which is respectfully submitted

Francis Perkins

per order of the Committee

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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The foregoing Report having been read it was voted that the same be accepted and adopted

Voted that the Report be printed and that Boards bearing thereon the name of each Street respectively be put up at the corners thereof.

Voted that the Committee who named the Streets carry the above votes into effect.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April next. at one o'clock P. M.

Adjournment
April 6. 1846.

Adjournment of March meeting April 6. 1846

One o'clock P. M. at the Town Hall meeting opened by the Moderator.

Article 1.
Highway
Surveyors.

For Highway Surveyors

Chose s. Abel Thurston.
s. Alonzo Andrews.
s. Edward Smith.
s. Alpheus Boutelle.
s. Hosca Caswell.
Alonzo P. Goodridge.
s. David Boutelle.
Nat Cowdin 2^d

April 13. s. John M. Harris.
s. Isaac B. Woodard.
s. Abram Osborn.
s. Norman Stone.
s. Franklin McIntire.
s. Asa Sawyer.
s. John Andrews.

April 16. s. Almer C. Hilton.

April 11. s. Jonathan Whitman.
s. William S. Downe.
s. Levi Pratt.
s. Samuel Hale.
s. Joseph Smith.
s. David D. McIntire.
s. John Harris.

April 9. s. Abram Jaquith.
s. Nathan Caswell.
s. Joseph Upton Jr.
s. Clark Simonds.

April 9. s. Loring Kendall.

chosen April 20. s. Joel Page Jr.
s. Enoch Coldwell.

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Article 3

Taxes

Collection of
\$2.75 on the
\$100.

March Meeting Adjournment of April 6. 1846.

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be let out to the lowest bidder on the following condition viz: The Collector shall guaranty the payment of all Taxes legally assessed and committed to him for collection— which being set up by the Moderator was taken by Benjamin Snow at two dollars seventy five cents on the hundred Dollars

Article 1.
Collector
Bondsmen

Voted and chose Benjamin Snow Collector.

Voted to accept Daniel Works and Stephen Shepley as bondsmen for the Collector

N. B. at an adjournment of this meeting April 20. Benjamin Snow was excused from serving as Collector and Justin Stearns was chosen in his stead who is to collect the Taxes as let to Mr Snow.

Article 1st.

Voted to add two to the School Committee already chosen Nathaniel Wood Esq was chosen and declined after which the above vote was reconsidered. Stephen Shepley chosen on the School Committee in March last declined serving on said committee and Milton Whitney Esq was chosen in place of Mr Shepley.

School
Committee

Article 5.

The committee chosen in 1845. to ascertain the expenses of the poor for the year past here made their report whereby it appears that the whole amount expended for the support of the Poor of the town for the year ending April 1st 1846 was One hundred and Seventy nine dollars and Seventy three cents \$179.73. Said Report was read and Accepted

Poor
Expense of
\$179.73.

Committee
on
Poor &c

chos for a Committee for the same purpose for the ensuing year Abel F. Adams
Daniel Works
William Bemis.

Article 1.

The town again took up the first Article in the Warrant and chose (Apr 15) s. Jonas Stone Field Driver

Article 9
School
Districts.
Adopted
April 6.
1846.

School Districts—Report on their limits.

The Committee to whom was refered the subject of bounding the several School Districts as voted by the town on the 2^d of March last respectfully report as follows. The District which was formerly No 1. and now designed as the same, is bounded, beginning at the—

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southerly end of a Mill-Dam across the Nashua River owned by Josiah Sheldon, thence up said river to the

southerly end of Levi Pratt's Mill-Dam, thence North-erly to a point in the centre of the road leading by Chs. H. Raymond's and ten rods west from the junction of the same with the road leading by the Hovey place (so called) thence Northerly, to a point in the centre of the road twenty rods west from the house of Joseph T Scott, thence southerly to a point in the road twenty rods south from the house of Ebr. Whittemore, thence southeasterly two hundred rods in a direct line to a point in the road ten rods south from the house of Clark Simonds, thence southwesterly to the southwest corner of Land of Dr. Thos. R. Boutelle bordering on Main St. thence southwesterly to the junction of the roads leading by Levi Pratt's and Wid. Elisabeth Fullum thence Northwesterly to the first bound.

No 2. (or the territory formerly No 12) is bounded Beginning at the junction of roads leading by Levi Pratt's and Wid. Elisabeth Fullum's thence North-easterly on the two Southeasterly lines of No 1. thence Southeasterly to a point in the road ten rods south of the house of Clark Simonds, thence easterly to a point in the road ten rods North from the house of Emmons Stockwell, thence Easterly to a point in Lunenburg line in the centre of the road leading by Ivory Stockwell's, thence southerly on said line three hundred rods, thence westerly to an angle in the road twenty rods south of the house of Sam^l. W. Harris, thence westerly to the first bound.

No 3. (comprising South Fitchburg) is bounded, Beginning at the southwest corner of No. 2. and running Easterly on the two last lines of said No. 2. to Lunenburg line thence southerly on said line to the southeast corner of Fitchburg, thence westerly on Leominster line to an angle in

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said line on Wanoosnac hill, thence Northerly to the first bound.

No 4. (formerly No 3.) is bounded, Beginning at an angle in Leominster line at the southwest corner of No. 3. and running westerly on said line four hundred and fifty rods, thence Northerly to a point in the road fifty rods west of the house of Alpheus Boutell, thence Northerly to the southwest corner of District No. 2. thence southerly to the first bound.

No. 5. (Turnpike District) is bounded, Beginning at the south west corner of No. 4. thence westerly on the town line to the South-west corner of the town, thence Northerly on Westminster line to a point in the road leading by Nat Cowdin's, thence easterly to the junction of the rivers below S. S. Crocker's Mill, thence Easterly to a point in the west line of No. 4. thirty rods North of the house of Albert B. Damon, thence southerly on the West line of No. 4. to the first bound.

No. 6. (formerly No. 5) is bounded, Beginning at the junction of the rivers below S. S. Crocker's Mill thence down the river to the first bound of No. 1. at the south end of Josiah Sheldon's Dam, thence bounded by No. 1. to the junction of the roads leading by Levi Pratt's & Widow Elisabeth Fullum's, thence bounded on No. 4. to the Northeast corner of No. 5., thence bounded on No. 5. to the first bound. No. 7. (the Crockerville District) is bounded, Beginning at the Southerly end of Levi Pratt's Mill Dam thence Northerly bounded by No. 1. to an angle in the same in the road near the Hovey place (so called) thence Westerly two hundred and twenty-five rods in a direct line to a point in the centre of the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham, on Westminster line, thence Southerly to the junction of Nashua river and Rockville brook, thence down the river to the first bound.

No. 8. (the territory including the Rockville Manufacturing village) is bounded, Beginning at the junction of the Nashua river & Rockville brook, thence up said river to the junction of the river below S. S.

Crocker's Mill, thence westerly on No. 5 to Westminster line, thence Northerly on said line to a

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point in the County road leading to Ashburnham, thence easterly to the Northwest corner of No. 7. thence southerly on No 7 to the first bound.

No. 9. (formerly No 8) is bounded, Beginning at the North-east corner of No. 7, thence Westerly on No's 7 & 8 to Westminster line, thence on said line to the Northwest corner of the town, thence Easterly on Ashby line to an angle in the same, thence Southerly to a point one hundred rods due West from the house of Daniel Kinsman, thence southerly to the junction of the roads about forty rods west of the house of Eleazer Davis, thence Easterly to the Northerly corner of No. 1. near Jos. T. Scott's thence southerly to the first bound.

No. 10 (the Page District) is bounded Beginning at the Northerly corner of No. 1. thence westerly & northerly by No. 9 to Ashby line, thence Easterly on said line four hundred rods, thence southerly to a point ten rods East of the house of Benjⁿ Tolman, thence to a point ten rods East of the house of Stillman Burnap, thence southerly to the first bound.

No. 11 (formerly No. 10) is bounded Beginning on Lunenburg line at the Northeast corner of No 2, thence westerly & northerly by Districts No. 2—1 & 10 to Ashby line thence easterly on said line three hundred and twenty rods, thence Southerly to a point in the centre of the road fifty rods south of the house of Jeremiah Kinsman, thence Easterly to a point in the road ten rods south of the house of Wid. Prudence Gibson, thence to a point ten rods north of the house of Levi Kendall, thence Easterly to an angle in Lunenburg line four hundred and eighty rods from the northeast corner of the town, thence southerly on said line to the first bound.

No. 12. (Pearl Hill) is bounded Beginning at the

Northeast corner of the town, thence Southerly on Lunenburg line to a corner of No. 11, thence westerly and Northerly

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by District No. 11 to Ashby line, thence Easterly on said Ashby line to the first bound.

All which is respectfully Submitted.

Fitchburg April 6th 1846

Levi Downe	} Committee
Wm. Carleton	
Abel Marshall	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

After the above Report had been read it was voted that the same be accepted and adopted. So ended our great effort to new District the town.

Article 10
School
Committee's
Report.

The School Committee here made their Report to the town which was read and afterwards printed by private contribution and is on file in Town Clerks office.

Art. 11.
School
Money
Division of

Voted that the money raised for the support of Schools be divided Ninty Dollars on each District and the remainder be apportioned among the large Districts by the Selectmen and School Committee

Article 21.
Intoxicating
Liquors
Sale of

The committee chosen in March last on the Subject of the 21. Article viz the Sale of intoxicating liquors in town hear made their Report which was read and accepted and ordered to be printed in the Fitchburg Sentinel and the Worcester Cataract—after the above mentioned Report had been read and accepted the following Resolutions recommended by the above committee and making a part of their Report were adopted by the town

Resolved that the Selectmen be instructed to prosecute personally or by an agent all known violations of the licence Law in this place at the expense of the town excepting such parts thereof as are paid by the State.

Resolved that a Committee of fifteen be chosen to

act in cooperation with the Selectmen in carying the above Resolution into effect.

chose for committee under the above Resolution Benjamin Snow, J. F. Farwell, Alpheus Boutelle, Alpheus Kimball, Abel F. Adams. Samuel A. Wheeler, John Coldwell, I. B. Woodard, Levi Pratt, Alonzo P. Goodridge, Clark Carpenter, Robert L. Frair, Edwin Upton, Daniel Works, Abel Simonds.

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Article 22
Road from
Warren
Parkhurst to
Abel Simonds
Referred to
a committee

The Report of Selectmen of a Road petitioned for by William S. Downe and others was here read to the town and on vote the Report was referred to a committee of five to Report the best rout (there being several Routts petitioned for near the same place to be acted on under another warrant for town meeting this day) at an adjournment of this meeting.

Chose for said Committee Horace Newton.

Joseph Upton Jr.

Joseph Upton.

William Woodbury.

Abel Stevens.

Article 25
Abatement
of Taxes for
1841.

To See if the town will abate the taxes of certain persons on the tax bill of 1841. &c as set forth in the twenty fifth article of the warrant was on vote referred to the Selectmen.

Adjourned

Voted to adjonrn for two weeks (April 20) at 1. o'clock P. M.

April 20.
1846.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 20. 1846. 1. o'clock P. M. Meeting opened by the moderator persuant to adjournment as above. The Moderator here stated that he was interested so much in some of the businfs of the meeting that he wished to be excused from serving as moderator whereupon he was excused and Abel Thurston was chosen Moderator in his place

Article 1.
Highway
Surveyors

For Highway Surveyors in addition to those already chosen chose s Joel Page Jr.

Enoch Coldwell.

Milton Whitney and Asa Farwell declined serving on School Committee and were excused.

Voted to choose four in addition to the One now on School Committee

School
Committee

Chose Peter S. Snow (who afterwards declined)
Nathaniel Wood.
Levi Downe.
Stephen Holman.

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Article 1.

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Collector.

Benjamin Snow who had been chosen Collector asked to be excused from serving stating that Justin Stearns would collect the Taxes at the same pr. cent at which he had bid them off whereupon Mr Snow was excused and ^{March 2 1847.} s. Justin Stearns was chosen Collector in his stead.

Article 12
School-houses
Selectmen
to build.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to build new School-Houses in such School Districts as they think necessary.

Article 22.

Road from
Warren Park-
hurst's to
Abel
Simonds',
&c.

The committee to whom the 22. Article in the warrant was referred here made their Report which was read and recommitted with directions to strike out the las clause which was the words following "and would suggest the propriety of a delay until such time" after said Report had been amended as above it was on vote was accepted—the following is the Report as accepted—We the Subscribers having been chosen by the town to examine the routs for a Road from near the house of Warren Parkhurst, acrofs the River near the Scythe shop of Alpheus Kimball: Also another terminating near the house of Abel Simonds, having examined the above routs are unanimous in the opinion that the latter is the most preferable. all things considered; provided however the town can be assured, there will be a Depot established at that place; April 20. 1846.

Horace Newton.

Wm. Woodbury.

Abel Stevens.

Joseph Upton.

Joseph Upton Jr. Committee.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

This Road
afterwards
discontinued
June 1st.
1846.

The Report of Selectmen on the the petition of Wm S. Downe for a Road from near Warren Parkhurst's to the house of Abil Simonds was here read to the towne and on vote was rejected.

Voted that all votes passed since the acceptance of the Report of the examining Committee (as Recorded above) be reconsidered. Voted to accept the Road from Warren Parkhurst's to near the house of Abel Simonds as Reported by the Selectmen on condition that the Road & Bridge be built to the acceptance of Selectmen for the sum of \$1700. The Selectmen having the right to procure it made cheaper if they can

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant
April 6.

Warrant for town meeting April 6. 1846.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the sixth day of April next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st. To choose a Moderator.

2^d To see if the Town will dispose of Engine No 2, together with House and Land belonging with the same, and furnish a new Engine, Apparatus and House, to be located near the American House, and act anything thereon as may be deemed proper.

3^d To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, as petitioned for by Alpheus Kimball and Levi Pratt, and act anything in regard to the same they think proper.

4th To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen, as petitioned for by Orin Tracy and others, and act anything thereon.

5th To see if the town will authorize their Bridge Committee to construct a wooden bridge across the Nashua river at South Fitchburg, in room of a stone arch bridge, as voted by the town last year, and to raise the road on the north side of said bridge, or act anything thereon they may think proper

6th To see if the town will accept of a widening of the road north of the arch bridge, in South Fitchburg, or act anything thereon.

7th To see if the town will authorize the Highway Surveyor to cut down the road in front of the School-house formerly No 12, so as to have the water pass

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off in the sluices that are or may be constructed, or act anything thereon

8th To see what method the town will take to choose Prudential Committees in their School Districts in future, and act anything thereon they think proper.

9th To see if the town will annex Ivers Phillips, with his taxable property, to the School District in Crockerville, formerly No. 13, or act anything thereon.

10th To see if the town will annex Levi Pratt to the School District in the Centre Village, formerly No. 1, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Josiah Sheldon	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel Thurston	
Levi Downe	

Worcester fs. Apr 6th 1846

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days before the time of holding this meeting

Steven Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

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April 6.
Town
Meeting

Town Meeting April 6. 1846.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 6. 1846. at 2. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by reading the warrant and acting on the first Article by choosing Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator. after the meeting was organized it was on vote adjourned to give place to some unfinished business in the March meeting warrant—the meeting was subsequently opened by the moderator and the eighth Article of the warrant taken up—

Article 8.
Prudential
School Com.

Voted that the Prudential Committees be chosen by the several School Districts respectively

Voted to adjourn this meeting for two weeks (April 20) at 2. o'clock P. M.

Adjourned
Meeting
April 20.

April 20. 1846 at 2. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was opened by the moderator at the above date, at the Town Hall when on vote it was adjourned until after the business of March meeting shall be finished—when the meeting was again opened pursuant to adjment as above the second Article of the warrant was on vote passed over.

Article 2

Art. 3.

Article third passed over.

Art 4.

The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Oren Tracy and others was here read to the town and on vote was accepted on condition that it be built free from any expense to the town and to the acceptance of the Selectmen within six months from this time.

Grove St.

The following is the Report. "In accordance with the above petition and order—We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town a Town way as follows—Beginning at a stone post

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on the southerly side of Prichard Street near the house of William E. Haskins at the Northwesterly corner of said Haskins lot—thence south 34° west 23. rods 10. feet to a stake and stones at the bank of the brook on land of Benjamin Snow, said road is to lie on the westerly side of said course to be 30. feet wide and is over a public pass way for which no damage is claimed. which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way—and is to be called Grove Street.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg.

Fitchburg March 30.th 1846.

Attest J. Marshall Town Clerk.

Art 5.
Bridge South
Fitchburg

The subject matter of the fifth Article in the warrant is left to the discretion of the Selectmen.

Art 6.

The following Report was here read to the Town and on Vote was accepted.

Report.

Road by
Arch Bridge

In accordance with the above notice, We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the Town a Town Way as follows. Beginning at the northerly endbutman of the wooden Arch Bridge on the Old County Road leading from Leominster to Fitchburg by the house of William Bemis and Alonzo P. Goodridge and at the westerly end of said abutman—Thence North 18° $30'$. East 40. Rods to a stake and stone at the westerly side of the County Road above mentioned—said Road is to lie on the Easterly side of said course and is to cover all land lying between said course and the Old County Road above mentioned—And we have agreed with William Bemis the owner of said land for his damage to \$15.62—Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.

Dated at Fitchburg this 30.th day of March in
the year 1846. Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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April 20.
Art. 7.
Road by
No 12
School House

Town Meeting April 20. 1846 by Adjournment

The subject of the Seventh Article was by vote
left to the discretion of the Selectmen and the High-
way Surveyor of that district.

Art. 9.

Voted to pass over the ninth Article

Art. 10.
L. Pratt an-
nexed. to Dis-
trict No. 1.

Voted that Levi Pratt be annexed to the School
Districts in the Centre Village formerly No. 1.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Measurers of
Wood & Bark

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

The Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg at a
meeting this day held for that purpose hereby ap-
point the following persons to be measurers of Wood
and Bark in said town for the year ensuing.

Oath See
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This Book.

April 21. s. Ebenezer Ball.

Asher Green.

April 14 -- s. William Wilder.

April 13 -- s. Joseph Pierce.

Eri Carleton.

April 11. s. Stephen W. Dole.

Robert L. Frair.

April 16. -- s. John L. Joslin.

April 9. s. Abel Simonds.

April 13. s. John Kendall.

April 13. s. Jonathan Tenney.

April 18. s. Jonathan Haskell.

April 9. s. Josiah B. Willard.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

Fitchburg March 21.st 1846.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Sealer of
Weights &
Measures.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg by virtue of the law of the Commonwealth, at a meeting this day held for that purpose, do hereby appoint ^(May 16.) (s.) Abijah Hartwell to be a Sealer of Weights and Measures for said Town for the year ensuing. Abel Thurston } Selectmen of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

Fitchburg April 25th 1846.

To the Town Clerk.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant.
April 20.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 20. 1846.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the twentieth day of April instant at three o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

1st To choose a Moderator.

2^d To determine in what manner the money which was raised for the support of Common Schools in March 1845. and which remains unexpended shall be divided among the several School Districts in Town and act anything thereon they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this eleventh day of April in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. April 13. 1846. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

April 20
Town
Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg April 20. 1846 at 3. o'clock P. M. The Town meeting was opened as above pursuant to the above warrant by reading the same and choosing under the first Article Abel Thurston Moderator.

Art. 1.

Art. 2.
School
Money

Voted that the money unexpended raised for Schools in 1845 be divided as follows To District No. 1. \$30. No. 2. \$20. the other ten Districts \$10. each and the remainder be divided among the several Districts according to the number of Schollars which attended School in the summer of 1845. giving No 2 & No 11 their just proportion acording to the No of Schollars they receive from the half District. Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Militia Roll May 1846.

The following is a list of persons enrolled as Soldiers as taken by the Assessors on the first day of May in the year 1846.

Abel Thurston } Assessors
Levi Downe } of
Ivers Phillips } Fitchburg

Benjamin Arnold
Hosca B. Aldrich
Charles Arnold
Lucius Aldrich
Lorenzo Allen
Lucius L. Albee
Julius C. Aldrich
Alonzo Andrews
Daniel Andrews
Lysander Andrews

Edward Aldrich
George L. Adams
Shepard F. Atherton
John L. Albee
Artemas Andrews
Sewall F. Adams
Leonard Aldrich
Abel F. Adams
Silas P. Billings
Stillman Burnap

Joseph Baldwin	Charles Battles
Sumner D. Boynton	Samuel Burnap
Porter Barton	Calvin Battles
William Bliss	J. F. Beal
Mertt Burgess	Job. S. Bigelow
George H. Boss	Porter Brown
Murrey A. Bartlet	Benjamin N. Baker
Nathan L. Battles	Abbot Bartlet
George Bowker	Samuel. D. Barns
Samuel Bennet	Luther Blanchard
Charles J. Billings	Eleazor P. Baker
Aaron F. Beaman	Walter Brooks
Rancalier Bacon	Cyrus D. Blanchard
C. F. Burnap	Isac F. Breed
Levi M. Blanchard	David H. Bailey
Cyril Bowker	Jonathan Boynton
James Burns	Samuel Carter
S. O. Brown	Franklin Colburn
George Briggs	William Coughlin
Daniel Blood	Stillman Corey
George Brown	Erastus Cramm
Philander G. Barret	Edmund W. Cutler
Joseph C. Barrus	James M. Comee
David C. Brick	Samuel L. Cowdin
Alfred H. Brick	John Carr
Wells R. Bardwell	John Caulkins
Eph ^m N. Bowen	Charles Cummings
John B. Botsford	Ralph C. Conant
Charles Barrett	Josiah Chase
William Brown	Henry Chase
E. J. Baker	Charles G. Cranston
Isac Breed	Joseph Cushing
Jerome S. Brick	Nathiel Cummings
Charles Billings	Smith Colburn
Charles H. Benton	George A. Corser
J. S. Bailey	Elijah S. Carter
Alanson C. Brown	Nathan Caswell
Alson C. Bridges	Stephen Caswell
Josiah Bacon	Samuel A. Corser
Davis C. Bowker	J. P. Chapin
Sam'l Bennett	Robert M. Clark
David Bates	Benjn E. Crocker
Jacob Brown	Ira E. Cutler
Josiah W. Boutelle	Ephraim Crocker
Elisha Brown	Nat Cowdin 2d
David Battles	Israel Carter
Saml. Battles	Hosea Caswell

Alden P. Churchill
Benjn J. Cutler
James Chapman
Timothy Crowley
Frederic P. Cutler
Josiah Caswell Jr.

Andrew P. Conant
Gilbert Carter
Charles Collins
D. W. Comee
Leander P. Comee.

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John Daisy
Charles Davis
Charles P. Dean
Andrew J. Dean
David Davis
Henry W. Downer
Charles Derby Jr.
W^m S. Downe
Albert B. Damon
William Damon
Hiram Davis 2^d
Otis Davis
Joseph Derby
Abel Derby
Fitch Downe
W^m F. Durant
George DeWolf
Horace Damon
James H. Dean
Joseph Davenport
Alonzo Davis
Abner B. Davis
William M. Daniels
John Dix
Elijah Davis
W^m B. Downer
Thomas S. Eaton
Sam.¹ H. Evans
David H. Eager
Joel W. Eager
Daniel S. Eaton
Olover H. Eaton
Elisha T. Eppes
Ivers Emerson
W^m C. Elleck
W^m H. Eaton
J. W. Emerson
Porter J. Eaton
Henry Emory

Eliakin Easterbrook
George Emory
Paschal Emory
Levi Farnsworth
Dexter Farwell
Charles Farwell
Jonathan Farnsworth Jr
Haskell Farwell
W^m Farnsworth
Daniel Fish
Levi Fullum
David Farnum
Norman Fay
Oren Fox
Jabez Flint
Salathiel W. Farmer
Samuel Farwell
Arther Forister
Austin P. Farwell
Harlow Frost
Ward B. Farrar
W^m B. Flagg
Asa Farwell
Job Foster
S. G. Frost
Geo. P. Field
George Fales
Milton Frost
Dewitt C. Fisher
Asa W. Foster
George Farrar
John Frost
Edmund French
Levi Farwell
Roswell Graham
John Goodridge Jr.
James Gates
Arrington Gibson 2d
Arrington Gibson 3d

Jacob Gibson	Willard Harris
Joseph Gibson	Augustus S. Hildreth
Jeremiah H. Gibson	George W. Hager
Lemuel W. Gibson	Jacob Haskell
Ira T. Gleason	P. B. Howard
Reubin Gibson	Samuel M. Hayden
Hiram Gleason	Charles Howard
Ralph S. Gordon	Stephen Holman
Joseph Gee	Edwin Holmes
John Goodwin	George P. Hawkes
Silas H. Goodnow	Ira Holt
Alfred Gray	Silas Hosmer
Alden Gee	Henry B. Homer
Lyman J. Gibson	Levi Harris
Austin B. Gates	Andrew Houghton
W ^m Griswold	Daniel Hanscom
George Godard	Charles M. Hager
John Garfield	F. H. Hodgman
Orin Griswold	H. W. Haskell
Elijah T. Gove	John Hunt
Solomon Garfield	Humphrey H. Howland
W ^m Green	Leonard Howland
George Goodwin	Joseph Hitchcock
Henry Gouch	A. B. Haskell
Leonard B. Hartwell	Silas P. Haskell
James Hartwell	John Holman
Horace Haywood	

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Nathan Hartwell	Charles Howe
Leonard Hartwell	W ^m Hale
Owen Hart	Andrew Henry
Zaphaniah W. Hammond	Aldrige C. Hinds
Augustus C. Houghton	Henry E. Hutchinson
Richard Hill	Thomas S. Hale
Ebenezer Hadley	James A. Holden
John Hartwell	Daniel Hewett
Charles S. Hosmer	Abram Jaquith
Gordis D. Harris	Loren Joslin
W ^m Hancock	Liberty Joslin
Calvin G. Hale	Edwin Jackson
Orich Haskell	Isac P. Jaquith
Albert Houghton	W ^m Jaseph
Stephen Hicks	John Jones
John M. Harris	Edwin H. Johnson
Calvin Hewlett	Lorenzo Kinsman
Gideon Hallett	George Kimball

Loren Kendall
 Franklin Kimball
 John J. King
 Charles H. Kent
 Harvey Kent
 W^m L. Kinsman
 George A. Kendall
 Orson Kimball
 Alvah Keyes
 Jer. Kinsman Jr
 Timothy W. Kinsman
 Henry F. Henry
 Benj.ⁿ D. Leverett
 James W. Leverett
 Rufus Litchfield
 W^m M. Leath
 Lemuel Lakin
 Kimball W. Lawrence
 Gustavus Lyman
 Luther Lakin
 James Legerwood
 Charles Lowe
 Flavel Leach
 David G. Lillis
 George W. Lillis
 Moses Ladam
 Edwin Lamb
 Samuel M. Lovelend
 Sam^l M. Lovering
 James B. Lord
 Amos Lewis
 Benjⁿ F. Lyon
 Freeborn Lawrence
 Uriah Lawrence
 Charles H. Lawrence
 Emerson Lewis
 Daniel Lovejoy
 Moses G. Lyon
 John S. Leavitt
 John Lowe
 John Q. Lynch
 Samuel Lowe
 James F. Lufkin
 Dennis McGoing
 Edwin Munjoy
 Slade Munroe
 Luther Maynard

Austin Mosman
 Franklin McIntire
 Hiram P. Messenger
 Daniel Markman
 Joab Mann
 Samuel Marble
 John W. Mosman
 Joseph W. Mansur
 A. K. Mills
 Levi McIntire
 Horace P. Messinger
 Stephen McIntire
 Lyman McIntire
 Reubin McIntire
 Abel Marshall
 Henry Maynard
 David P. Maynard
 Jed Mayo
 Joseph Maynard
 Francis McIntire
 W^m S. Merritt
 A. A. Mason
 Jacob Miller
 Benjⁿ D. Morrill
 Benj. Marshall
 Alfred Mann
 Elmer Mason
 Horace Metcalf
 David P. Maynard
 Cyrus D. Munson
 George Nash
 W^m A. Nourse
 C. W. Nights
 Charles Nash
 John Nelson
 Josiah M. Nutting
 George Nutting
 Harris B. Newman
 Abram Orsborn 2^d
 Ai Orsborn
 Franklin Orsborn
 Albert G. Page
 Joel Page Jr
 Porter S. Putnam
 John Page
 W^m B. Phelps
 Silas Pratt

Albert T. Pierce
Sam^l Phillips
Jonathian Phillips
James Peckham

W^m P. Pierce
Barney Pratt
O. N. Pond

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Enrollment of Militia May 1846.

Otis Parmenter
Thadeus Petteplace
Alfred Parker
Edward Pool
Horace Platt
Charles Pierce
Thomas Pollard
Lincoln Pratt
Lincoln Parkhurst
Alonzo Phelps
Moses Perkins Jr
James P. Putnam
Isracl H. Parker
Jessee Paine
James Powers
Asa Putney
John A. Quinleer
Augustus Rice
J. Henry Richardson
Horace P. Rice
Albert Rockwood
Harvey Rideout
Sam^l Roberts
Orlin Reed
Edwin Richardson
John O. Reynolds
Isac. Ripley
E. T. Russel
Charles H. Raymond
Charles Russel
David Richardson
Sabin Reed
Leonard Rice
Eli W. Raymond
Ira Ricker
A. J. T. J. Remington
Oliver Stone
Benjⁿ Safford
Avory Stockwell
Loriston Stockwell
Joseph T. Scott

David A. Smith
Norman Stone
Rufus P. Smith
Jessee Spaulding
John Start
Everett Sprague
Jeremiah Stewart
Charles Sawtell 2^{dn}
David Smith
Ezra B. Stephens
J. D. M. Sloat
John Stimpson
Henry Scism
Samuel Scism
Warren Stone
Reubin Smith
John Stickney
Samuel Shattuck
Samuel B. Smith
Joseph Smith
John C. Stimpson
John Smith
Samuel D. Sheldon
Thomas Sheldon
Leonard Smith
Micah Shattuck Jr.
Samuel Saunders
John Scism
Leonard Stark
George O. Stickney
Joshua F. Smith
Orville Stiles
James F Stiles
Simeon Shattuck
Francis Sheldon
Sanborn L. Sheldon
Augustus Sawyer
Edward F. Smith
Moses Story
A. W. Sawyer
Elbridge Smith

Jabez Sawyer	James S. Vanderford
William H. Saul	Thomas Varney
Henry Safford	Winchester Wyman
Henry J. Sawyer	James Whittmore
Justins Stearns	W ^m J. Wheeler
John M. Twitchel	Alfred M. Wheeler
Samuel W. Tileston	Allen Wyman
Hartwell C. Twitchel	James B. Wheeler
Darius Tucker	Israel Wetherbee Jr
Lafayette Trobridge	W ^m Woodbury Jr
Seth Twitchell	Sabin Woodbury
George Tilden	Jonathan Whitman
Eph ^m C. Tainter	Almond Wheeler
Henry Town	Selin Worcester
P. H. Torrey	James Walker
Newall Tolman	Martin Weston
Charles F. Thurston	Edwin D. Works
Daniel Taylor	Walter Wiswall
James Taylor	Isac D. Wiswall
Daniel L. Tolman	Loren Wheeler
Cabill Tolman	Benjn F. Wheeler
Charles Upton	Silas Winchester
W ^m Upton	Charles H. White
Albert C. Upton	

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Elinus Waters	W ^m White
Silas C. Waters	George D. Weld
Benjn Whiten	Samuel J. Wright
Eph ^m C. Walker	John Whitney
Simon Whitney	Samuel Ware
Levi Wilkins	Abram Whitcomb
W ^m G. Wyman	Francis Whitney
John Weld	Otis Williams
David E. Ware	Newton G. Whitney
David C. Whitcomb	Luke Wellington
Joseph Willard	Luke D. Walton
Samuel Walton	A. C. Wright
Alfred Whitmore	W ^m Whitney
Samuel A. Wheeler	Daniel F Ward
Edwin Wilder	W ^m Winch
Elisha Withington	Benjn S. Wells
George P. Warren	J. P. Wells
Lovell Williams	Mason Wheeler
Naham Wetherbee	John Webber
Joseph W. Wright	Horace Wells
Loren Ware	Hiram Wood

J. G. Whitcomb
 John Williams 2^d
 John Woods

George L. Whitecomb
 Henry Warren
 Ira Younglove

Whole enrolled Militia Numbers Five hundred and
 Seventy = (570.)

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1846.
 June 1st.
 Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 1. 1846.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the first day of June next, at two o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1.st To choose a Moderator

2.nd To see if the Town will discontinue the Road laid out by their Selectmen on the twenty eighth day of March last and accepted by the Town on the twentieth day of April last commencing near the house of Warren Parkhurst and ending near the house of Abel Simonds or act anything in regard to said Road or the laying out of the same they may think proper.

3.rd To see if the Town will accept of the following Roads laid out by their Selectmen viz. One Beginning near the house of Warren Parkhurst and ending on the County Road near the Scythe Shop of Alpheus Kimball—One beginning near the house of Sanford Sawyer and ending near the Academy—One beginning near the Factory in Rockville Village and ending at the Vermont & Massachusetts Rail Road near the new Scythe Shop of J. T. Farwell & Co. or act anything on any of said Roads they may think proper.

4.th To see if the Town will take any measures to have the Road through Mechanic Street finished

and accepted by the County Commissioners and act anything in regard to said Road they may think proper.

5th To see if the Town will annex David D. McIntire with his home farm to School District No. 8. or act any thing thereon.

6th To see if the Town will accept of any Roads which may be laid out and reported to the Town by their Selectmen or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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Warrant for Town Meeting June 1st 1846.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this sixteenth day of May in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

Worcester, fs. May 20. 1846. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town seven days before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town
Meeting
June 1st.
1846.

Article 1st.

Article 2.
Road
Discontinued
see Page 385.
Art. 3d.

Town Hall Fitchburg June 1st 1846. at 2. O'clock P. M. Town Meeting Opened as above pursuant to the foregoing warrant which was read to open the meeting and choosing Horace Newton Esq Moderator under the first Article.

Voted to discontinue the Road set forth in the Second Article of the Warrant.

Article third was pafsed over by a vote of 75. to 13.

Art. 4th.
Mechanic
Street.

Voted that the Committee who have the charge of the Road mentioned in this Article cause the same to be finished forthwith and when finished to give notice to the County Commissioners and procure their acceptance.

Art 5.th
D. D. McIntire
District No. 8.

Voted that David D. McIntire with his home farm annexed to School District No. Eight.

Art 6.th

Voted to pass over the sixth Article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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1846.
June 15.
Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting June 15. 1846.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting— In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the fifteenth day of June instant at one o'clock, in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles—

1st.

To choose a Moderator.

2d.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commencing near the Cotton Factory of Ivers Phillips in Rockville Village and terminating at the Road leading by the house of Warren Parkhurst as petitioned for by Ivers Phillips and others and act anything thereon they may think proper.

3d.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commencing at the Road passing by the house of Warren Parkhurst and near said Parkhurst's house and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster near the house of Abel Simonds as petitioned for by John T. Farwell and others and act anything in regard to said Road they think proper.

4th

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commencing at the Road leading

by the house of Warren Parkhurst and near said Parkhurst's house and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham near the Seythe Shop of Alpheus Kimball as petitioned for by s^d Kimball or act anything thereon they think proper.

5th. To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commenceing near the House of Moses Hale and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashburnham between the Milldam of Josiah Sheldon and the Grist-mill of Levi Pratt. as petitioned for by Joseph Upton and Joseph Upton Jr. and act any thing thereon they think proper.

6th To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commenceing near the house of Sanford Sawyer and terminating near the Academy as petitioned for by Joseph Willard and others and act any thing thereon they think proper.

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7th To see if the Town will dispose of Engine No 2. and the House and land connected therewith belonging to the Town and purchase a new Engine to be located in the Old City and act any thing thereon they think proper.

8th To see if the Town will authorize their Selectmen to sell any of their Old School-houses with the lots connected with the same, and purchase new lots to build new Houses on or act any thing thereon they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town Seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands

this sixth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Abel Thurston \ Selectmen of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

Worcester, ss.

June 8, 1846. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town Seven days before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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1846,
June 15.

Town Meeting June 15. 1846

Town Hall Fitchburg June 15th 1846 at One O'clock P. M.—the meeting was opened by Reading the Warrant which is Recorded on the last preceeding two Pages of this Book Pursuant to which this meeting was held and the meeting was organized by acting on the first Article and choosing Nathaniel Wood Esq Moderator

Art. 1.

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Art. 2

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Art. 3.

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Art. 4.

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Art. 5.

R

The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen from Col Ivers Phillips' Factory to Warren Parkhurst's as described in the second Article was here read to the Town when it was voted to take up the third Article under which the Report of the Selectmen of a Road mentioned in this Article was Read to the Town and thereupon it was moved that said Report be accepted which motion was by vote laid on the Table. When the forth Article was taken up by vote and the Report of the Selectmen of the Road mentioned in this Article was Read to the Town and by vote was laid on the Table.

The Report of a Road mentioned in this Article was read to the Town and by vote laid on the Table. it was then moved to take up the forth Article which motion did not prevail.

Art 8.
School
Houses and
Lands
Selectmen
to buy & Sell

Voted to take up the eighth Article. Voted the Selectmen be authorized to Sell any of the Old School Houses and lots connected with the same and to

purchase new lots to build new Houses upon as mentioned in the eighth Article of the Warrant.

Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to the Second Monday of November next, at One O'clock P. M.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

N. B. The above adjournment was forgotten in November until the hour had passed so there was no further proceedings had under the foregoing Warrant

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting July 27. 1846

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid, greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the 27th day of July Inst at four o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles,

1st To choose a Moderator.

2d. To choose an Agent or Agents to meet the County Commissioners on the 3^d of August next or whenever they shall meet for action upon the subject of the road petitioned for by Ivers Phillips or act anything thereon—

3d. To give such instruction to said agent or Agents as shall be deemed necessary respecting said road or act anything thereon—

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg

Worcester fs. July 20. 1846.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting seven days before the time of holding this meeting

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1846
July 27.
Town
Meeting

Town Meeting July 27. 1846

Town Hall Fitchburg July 27. 1846. at 4. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened as above by the same being read and acting on the first Article in the warrant. by choosing William Carleton Esq Moderator

Art. 1.

Art 2

Road. by
Abel Simond's
to Warren
Parkhurst's.

Voted to choose a Committee of five to meet with the County Commissioners whenever they shall meet for action upon the Road Petitioned for by Ivers Phillips—

Voted that the Committee be chosen by ballot and the following are the persons chosen for said Committee

William Carleton

Abel Stevens

Levi Downe

Jonas Marshall

Abijah Hartwell

Voted that the Committee be instructed to oppose the Road petitioned for by Ivers Phillips and others being established by the County Commissioners

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Road Petitioned by Ivers Phillips from Warren Parkhursts to near the House of Abel Simonds established by the

County Commissioners—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Worcester fs. At a meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Worcester held at Worcester within and

for the County of Worcester on the second Tuesday of September 1846.— Whereas Ivers Phillips of Fitchburg in said County by his petition has represented that John T. Farwell himself and others on the first day of June instant, petitioned the Selectmen of said Fitchburg to lay out a town way for the use of said town beginning near the house of Warren Parkhurst, and terminating near the junction of the Ashburnham and Westminster road in said Fitchburg, that said Selectmen after legal notice had been given to all parties interested proceeded to lay out and did lay out a town way as prayed for aforesaid as follows: Beginning at a stake & stones on the northerly side of the road leading from the house of William Downe to the house of Warren Parkhurst and on the easterly side of a small brook about 20 rods from said Parkhursts house thence north $2^{\circ} 45'$ East thirty rods and seventeen links on land of said Parkhurst to a stake & stones on the east side of said Parkhursts brick yard; thence North 13° west eighty two and one half rods partly on land of Warren Parkhurst and partly on land of the Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad Co to a point near the centre of said rail road track thence north $4^{\circ} 45'$ west fourteen rods on land of said Railroad Co. Alvah Crocker and Farwell & Simonds to the County road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster, near the house of Abel Simonds. The road. to lie on the Easterly side of said course and to be three rods wide to the Northerly bank of the Nashua River, thence widening on the easterly side of said way, the course thereof running North 29° East fourteen rods to a post at the last mentioned road near the barn formerly owned by George Bowker. And the said Selectmen agreed

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all damage for laying out said way on their land; and the said Selectmen reported said road and their doings aforesaid to the Town for their acceptance; and when accepted and recorded was forever after to be known as a public town way: and the said Selectmen thereupon duly & legally called a town meeting of the inhabitants of said town of Fitchburg to act upon, approve and allow said town way laid out as aforesaid to be held on the fifteenth day of said June at one O'clock. P. M. and on the eights day of said June said Selectmen lodged and filed in the Clerk's office of said town a detailed report of their laying out of said town way as the Statute in such case provides. And the said Phillips further says that the town meeting was held as above called and the town voted to lay the subject matter of the town way laid out as aforesaid by said Selectmen upon the table and without any further action upon said town way. it was voted to adjourn and they did adjourn said town meeting to the second Monday of November next at one o'clock P. M. Wherefore the Petitioner alleges that said town did unreasonably refuse or delay to approve and allow the said town way laid out by the Selectmen thereof and to put the same on record and he is agrieved by such refusal or delay, and respectfully requests the Commissioners after due notice and other legal proceedings to approve and allow of the town way aforesaid as laid out by said Selectmen and direct the said laying out and acceptance to be recorded by the Clerk of said town of Fitchburg according to the Statute in such case made and provided. On the petition aforesaid the County Commissioners caused notice to be

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given to all persons and corporations interested therein. that they would meet at the public house in said Fitchburg lately kept by Marble Putnam on monday the third day of August last at two of the clock in the afternoon by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of the order thereon in the Fitchburg

Sentinel a newspaper printed in said Fitchburg three weeks successively the last publication being fourteen days at least before the said third day of August last and by Causing the Town Clerk of the said town of Fitchburg to be served by Kilburn Harwood a Deputy Sheriff of said County with an attested copy of said petition and order thirty days at least and also by posting up in two public places in said town of Fitchburg attested copies thereof fourteen days at least before the said third day of August last; at which time & place the said Commissioners would proceed to view the route set forth in said petition to hear all persons and corporations interested therein who might then and there desire to be heard thereon. and if they should adjudge that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, then to approve and allow of said town way so laid out over the rout above described and direct the same to be recorded by the Clerk of said town of Fitchburg agreeably to law.

The County Commissioners having met at the time and place and for the purpose before mentioned and having viewed the rout set forth in said petition and heard all persons and corporations interested therein who expressed a desire to be heard thereon adjudged that the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg did unreasonably refuse and neglect to accept the report of the Selectmen of said town of the laying out

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of the road described in the petition of Ivers Phillips The location as made by the Selectmen of the town Fitchburg which the Commissioners approve and allow is as follows to wit: We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town a town way as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the northerly side of the road leading from the house of William Downe to the house of Warren Parkhurst and on the easterly side of a small brook about twenty rods from said Parkhurst,s house

thence north two degrees and forty five minutes east thirty rods and seventeen links on land of said Parkhurst to a stake and stones on the east side of said Parkhurst's brick yard thence north thirteen degrees west eighty two and one half rods partly on land of Warren Parkhurst and partly on land of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company to a point near the Centre of said railroad track thence north four degrees and forty five minutes west fourteen rods on land of said Railroad Company — — Alvah Crocker and Farwell and Simonds to the County road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster near the house of Abel Simonds. The road to lie on the easterly side of said course and to be three rods wide to the northerly bank of the Nashua River there widening on the easterly side of said way. The course thereof running north twenty nine degrees east fourteen rods to a post at the last mentioned road. near the barn formerly owned by George Bowker And we have agreed for damages as follows: with the said Warren Parkhurst for passing over his land the sum of seventy five dollars — — — — — \$75.00 And the said Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad Company Alvah Crocker and Farwell and Simonds relinquish all damages for laying said way over their land Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this eighth day of June 1846

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Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg

And it is ordered that the term of twenty days be allowed the several owners of land over which said town road is located to remove their wood timber and trees thereon lying standing and growing—

And it is further ordered that the said town of Fitchburg cause the town road aforesaid to be

worked and made safe and convenient for travellers to pass over with their horses Cattle teams carts and carriages and that it be so made before the first day of September 1847.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this adjudication be transmitted to the town Clerk of the town of Fitchburg there to be recorded in said town's Book of Records that the said road may be forever known and mentioned as a town road.

A Copy of Record—Attest Jas G. Kendall Cler,
A copy—Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[409] Warrant for Town Meeting. October 5 1846.

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the fifth day October next at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a Moderator—

2nd To see what measures the town will take to make the town road from near the house of Abel Simonds to near the house of Warren Parkhurst recently established and ordered to be built by the County Commissioners and act anything in regard to said road they think proper.—

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid—

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of September—in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Abel Thurston.) Selectmen of
Josiah Sheldon.) Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. September 28th 1846.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days before the time of holding this meeting

Stephen Shepley. Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town
Meeting
October 5.

Town Meeting October 5.th 1846.

October 5th 1846. Agreeable to a Warrant of the Selectmen dated September 26.th 1846. The Inhabitants of Fitchburg assembled at the Town Hall. The clerk not being present the meeting was called to Order by Levi Downe Esq and David Boutelle chosen Clerk pro. tem and sworn by L. Downe Esq—

Art 1st

Voted and chose Ivers Phillips Moderator.

Art 2d
Committee to
Superintend
The building
of Road &
Bridge from
Abel Simonds
to Warren
Parkhursts

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to let out. and superintend the building of the Road and Bridge from Abel Simonds to Warren Parkhursts as Ordered by the County Commissioners

Voted and chose the Selectmen for said Committee.

Voted to excuse Josiah Sheldon & Levi Down at their request

Voted and chose Isaac B. Woodward who declined serving and was excused—

Voted and chose William Woodbury—who declined serving and was excused—

Voted and chose William Carleton—

Voted and chose Joseph Upton Jr—

Voted that the whole subject matter of building the Road and Bridge be submitted to the Committee The Bridge to be built of Stone, or wood, as they shall judge most for the interest of the town, and to be made to their Acceptance—

Voted that the meeting be dissolved

Attest David Boutelle Clerk Pro. Tem.

A True copy from the minutes

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting November 9th 1846.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the ninth day of November next at two o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles:

1st. To see if the town will accept of a list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

2nd. To see if the town will authorize the Committee who have the care of the fire engines belonging to the town to procure additional hose for the same or act anything thereon.

3d. To see if the town will discontinue so much of the old town road between the house of Amos Durant and the house of Ebenezer Whittemore as is not taken for the location and construction of the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Ashby—

4th. To see if the town will give any direction for cutting wood and timber from the town farm or act anything thereon.—

5th. To see if the town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commencing at Prichard Street near the house of John a Stiles and terminating at land of Abel Fox as petitioned for by Francis Phillips and others or act anything thereon.

6th. To see if the town will accept of a road laid out by their Selectmen commencing at the town Road near the house of W^{id} Mary C. Upton and terminating at the County Road a little South of the arch bridge near Alvah Crocker,s Paper Mill as petitioned for by Salmon W. Putnam and others or act anything thereon.

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the

public meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings there on to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid—

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Warrant for Town Meeting November 9. 1846. concluded

Given under our hands this thirty first day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty six

Josiah Sheldon) Selectmen of
Abel Thurston) Fitchburg.

Worcester. fs. Town of Fitchburg November 9th 1846 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said town seven days before the time for said meeting.

Fees—Service & Travel .25

K. Harwood Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting November 9.th 1846.

Town
Meeting
November 9.
1846.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 9. 1846 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by Reading said Warrant and choosing Abel Thurston Moderator—who declined and Ivers Phillips Esq was chosen moderator the meeting was then adjourned until the ballot for Representative should be closed which was then being taken in another town meeting— after which the following list of Jurors was Reported under the first Article in the warrant and on vote was accepted by the Town— the Report follows—

Art 1.

Jurors—

“A. List of names of persons selected as Jurors in the Town of Fitchburg by the

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Jurors.

Town Meeting November 9.th 1846.

Selectmen November 7th 1846.

Abel F. Adams.	Levi Pratt.
John Andrews.	James P. Putnam.
David Boutelle.	Asa Partridge.
John L. Bailey.	Francis Perkins.
Nathaniel S. Boutelle.	Benjamin Safford.
Alpheus Boutell.	Edward Smith.
John Coldwell.	Levi Sherwin.
Thomas C. Coldwell.	Justin Stearns.
Levi Downe.	Josiah Sheldon.
William S. Downe.	Everett Sprague.
Amos Durant.	Abel Simonds.
Thomas S. Eaton.	Clark Simonds.
John T. Farwell.	Cyrus Thurston.
Robert L. Frair.	Abel Thurston.
Alonzo P. Goodridge.	Nathan Tolman.
Asher Green.	Joseph Upton Jr.
Jeduthan M. Gibbs.	Edwin Upton.
Samuel Hawes.	Arnold Wilson.
John M. Harris.	Samuel A. Wheeler.
Samuel M. Humes.	Isaac B. Woodard.
David Lowe.	Tylor Younglove.
Daniel Messenger.	

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg.

Fitchburg November 7th 1846.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Art. 2
Hose for
Engines

Voted that the Committee who have the care of the Engines be authorized to procure additional Hose for the same.

Art. 3
Road
Discontinued

Voted to discontinue so much of the Old road between the House of Amos Durant and the House of Ebenezer Whitmore as is not taken by the location of the new County Road from Fitchburg to Ashby.

Art 4.
Artice 5

Voted to pass over the forth Article.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on the petition of Francis Phillips was here read to the town and on vote was accepted

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Road Report
Fox Street.Town Meeting November 9th 1846.

In accordance with the above petition and order,
We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid
out for the use of said town a town way as follows.
Beginning on the Southerly side of Prichard street at
land of John A. Stiles thence partly on land of said
Stiles and partly on land of Francis Phillips and
over a pafs way South 26° West 240 feet to land of
Abel Fox said road is over land to be kept for a
pafsway and no damage is claimed for the same
Which said road is hereby reported to the town for
their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is
forever after to be known as a public town way.
And is to be called Fox Street.

Dated at Fitchburg this thirtieth day of October
in the year 1846.

Josiah Sheldon \ Selectmen of
Abel Thurston / Fitchburg

Article 6.

Voted to pafs over the six Article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Warrant for Town Meeting November 9th 1846

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the
town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts
you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants
of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elec-
tions to meet at the town Hall in Fitchburg on Mon-
day the ninth day of November next it being the sec-
ond Monday of said month at nine of the clock in
the forenoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen
for a Governer and Liewtenant Governer of the Com-
monwealth and for five Senators on one ballot for
the district of Worcester County for the year ensu-
ing.

2d.

To choose a Representative to represent them in
the General Court to be held at Boston on the first
Wednesday of January next.

3d.

To give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the fourth district.

and you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. — — Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty six.

Josiah Sheldon. } Selectmen
Abel Thurston. } of
Levi Downe. } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Oct 26 1846.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses in town fourteen day before the time of holding this meeting

Steph Shepley. Constable of Fitchburg

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Town
Meeting
November
9th.

Town Meeting November 9th 1846. For Elections

Town Hall Fitchburg November 9th 1846. at 9. o'clock A. M. the meeting was opened by Reading the Warrant—The Selectmen presiding—Votes were then Reed for Govrnor Lt Governor and Snators on one ballot and at the same time votes for Representative to the General Court and for a Representative to Congrefs for the forth District Pursuant to the warrant Recorded on the preceeding page—Check list used as the law directs The votes were sorted, counted and declared and the Returns thereof made out, signed, Sealed and directed in Open Town Meeting and were as follows

Governor.

For Governor the whole number of Votes was 555.

George N. Briggs had 269.

Isaac Davis " 130.

Samuel E. Sewell " 146.

Francis Baylies " 10.

Lt. Governor. For Lt. Governor Whole number of Votes was 553.

John Reed had 266.

George Hood " 131.

John M. Brewster " 146.

Charles W. Moore 10.

Senators For Senators whole number of Votes was 553.

Stephen Salisbury had 265. James G. Carter had 147.

Calvin Willard " 265. R. B. Hubbard " 147.

Jason Goulding " 265. Joseph Griggs " 147.

Nathan F. Bryant " 265. Gilman Jones " 147.

George Denny " 265. Charles Adams Jr. " 147.

Otis Adams " 130. Ivers Phillips " 36.

Francis Howe " 130. R. B. Hancock " 10.

Milton Whitney " 95. Elias M. Stillwell " 10.

Seth Hapgood " 130. Wm. Sigourney " 10.

Alfred Bragg " 130. Samuel Harrington " 10.

Seth Alden had 10.

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Representa
to
Congrefs.

For Representative to Congress whole number of
Votes was 502.

John G. Palfrey had 255.

Frederic Robinson " 98.

James G. Carter " 142.

Wilder S. Thurston " 6.

Nathaniel Wood " 1.

Represent
to

Genrl Court

For Representative to the General Court whole
number of Votes 1st Ballot 456.

Necessary to a choise 229. no choise

Charles Mason had 118.

Joseph Upton Jr " 10.

John Coldwell " 136.

Stephen Shepley " 109.

Ebenezer Torrey " 73.

Alpheus Boutelle " 1.

Thomas C. Coldwell " 1.

Horace Newton " 7.

Israel Turner " 1.

Second Ballot. Whole No. of Votes 457. necessary to a choice 229.

Ebenezer Torrey	had 225. no choice.
John Coldwell	" 136.
Nathaniel Wood	" 59.
Stephen Shepley	" 26.
Horace Newton	" 5.
Charles Mason	" 2.
Israel Turner	" 2.
Isaac B. Woodard	" 1.
Chedorlaomer Marshall	" 1.

Third Ballot. Whole No. Votes 404. Necessary to a Choice 203.

Ebenezer Torrey	had 248. and was chosen
John Coldwell	" 109.
Nathaniel Wood	" 40.
Stephen Shepley	" 4.
Isaac B. Woodard	" 1.
Lyman Mc.Intire	" 1.
John Joslin	" 1.

At 12. o'clock the meeting was adjourned one hour for dinner.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1846.

Warrant.
November 21.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 21. 1846.

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Saturday the twenty first day of November instant at two O'clock, in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1st.

To choose a Moderator.

2d

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commencing near the Academy and terminating near the house formerly occupied by Sanford Sawyer, as petitioned for by Joseph Willard

and Daniel Emery and act anything thereon they think proper.

3d.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen commencing near the House of the Widow Mary C. Upton at the Road leading from the Stone Mill by the house of Samuel Hale, and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster near the south end of the Arch Bridge and act any thing thereon they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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November 21.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 21. 1846.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this fourteenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg.

Worcester, fs. November 14. 1846. I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town seven days before the time of holding this meeting—

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town
Meeting
Novm 21.
1846.

Town Meeting November 21. 1846.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 21.st 1846. at 2. O'clock P. M. the meeting was opened as above pursuant to the foregoing Warrant which was read by the Clerk and under the first Article of said Warrant William Carleton Esq was chosen Moderator.

Art. 1st.

Art. 2d.

Road
Accepted
Conditionally
High St.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them was here read to the Town and Accepted as set forth in the second Article of the Warrant pro-

vided said Road be built to the Acceptance of the Selectmen within one year free from all and any expense to the Town for land damage or making—the following is the Report.

“In accordance with the above petition and Order we the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the town a Town Way,

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High Street. as follows— Beginning at the South end of a bank wall in front of the house of Sanford Sawyer on High Street thence south 20—40'. West 6. rods partly on the town Road and partly on land of Thomas Hale and Cyrus Thurston. thence same course 22. Rods on land of Jonas A. Marshall to land of the High School Association—thence same course partly on land of said High School Association and partly on the Old Road 8. rods to a stake and stones—Said Road to be forty feet wide and to lie on the Westerly side of said course—And we have apprised the damage to the several owners of the land over which said Road passes as follows—To Jonas A. Marshall thirty dollars. To the High School Association five dollars—to be paid before said road is opened—and the said Hale and Thurston relinquish all damage and we allow the several owners of land two months to take off the wood standing and growing thereon—Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their Acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way—Dated at Fitchburg this eighth day of June in the year 1846.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Art 3d.

The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Salmon W. Putnam and others was here read to the Town whereupon

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it was voted to accept said Report on condition that the Road be build within one year from this time to the acceptance of the Selectmen and free of any and all expense to the Town the following is said Report. but I understand the Road will not be built upon the conditions above and I find the following Report was recorded by mistake

Road Report.
by the house
of Salmon W.
Putnam

In accordance with the above petition and order we the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg having adjudged that the prayer of said petitioners ought to be granted have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows, Beginning at a stake on the easterly side of the road leading from Jame,s Whitneys by Samuel Hale,s at land of the Wid Mary C. Upton,s then partly on said Uptons land and partly on the old grave yard South $51\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East 3 rods and 21 links to a stake set up Thence partly on land of said Upton and partly on land of Salmon W. Putnam South 44° East 17 Rods to a stake and stones Thence south 46° West five feet to a stake set up. Thence on land of said Putnam South $52\frac{1}{2}$ East ten rods to a stake set up Thence on land of said Putnam South 41° East fourteen rods to a stake at land of Samuel Hale. Thence on land of said Hale south $46\frac{1}{2}$ East 6 rods 15 links to a stake set up. Thence on land of said Hale south 63° E. three rods and five links to a stake set up. Thence on land of said Hale South $87\frac{1}{2}$ East three rods and eight links to a stake set up. Thence on land of said Hale North $75\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ East seven rods nineteen links to a stake set up Thence on land of said Hale North 72° East seven rods and ten links to a stone set in the ground Thence over land of said Hale south $87\frac{1}{4}$ East about ten rods to the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster All the bounds of said road are on the Southerly side of said location the first two lines over land of Mrs Upton and others said road is to be twenty five feet wide—from

This Report was Recorded by mistake it is the Report referred to in the 6 Article of a warrant for town meeting on the 9th instant which Article was paired over.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

thence over land of Salmon W. Putnam the road is to be twenty eight feet wide, from thence over land of Samuel Hale the road is to be thirty three feet wide And we have appraised the damage to Mary C. Upton to be one hundred dollars to be paid when said road is opened and we have agreed with Salmon W. Putnam to relinquish all damage and with Samuel Hale to relinquish all damage on condition that the town will erect a wooden fence sufficient to stop cattle on the southerly

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side of said road and build and keep in repair a bridge under which shall be a sufficient space kept open for cattle to pass and repass, eight feet wide. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way and is to be called street.

Dated at Fitchburg this thirty first day of October in in the year 1846.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The above Report was Recorded by mistake and as the clerk has been informed by the Selectmen that the Road will not be built upon the conditions under which the Report referred to in the third article in the warrant was accepted, I shall not record said Report which is marked as Reed, in the town Clerks Office November 14. 1846. and the same is on file—

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting December 28. 1846.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the twenty eighth day of December current at two of the clock in the afternoon to bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for the fourth district.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses. in said town fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen of
Abel Thurston } Fitchburg.

Worcester ss. December 14th 1846.

I have served the within warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting houses. fourteen days before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley. Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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December 28.
Town
Meeting

Town Meeting December 28. 1846.

Town Hall Fitchburg December 28.th 1846 at 2. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the meeting was called to order by the Selectmen and opened by reading the same and the Warrant from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Ordering the Election—check list used as the law directs—Votes were then received sorted counted and declared and were as follows—

Representa-
tive to
Congrefs.

For Representative to Congress for district number four the whole number of Votes was 287.

John G. Palfrey had 163.

Frederick Robinson " 64.

James G. Carter " 56.

Wilder S. Thurston " 4.

The Return of the above was made out, signed, sealed, and Directed in open Town Meeting as the Law directs

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1847.
March 1.st
Warrant.

1847.

Warrant for Town Meeting March 1st 1847.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the first day of March next, at nine O'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing

Art. 2. To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer.

Art. 3. To see if the town will choose their Treasurer, Collector of Taxes or act any thing respecting the collection of Taxes they may think proper.

Art. 4. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to settle with their treasurer, and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors, for the year past: and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To hear the Report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their Work-House and poor establishment the year past; and choose a Committee for the same purpose, for the year ensuing.

Art. 6. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their High-Ways. Town-Ways and

Bridges. the year ensuing—determine the manner of laying out said money—fix the price of labor, &c on said Roads.

Art. 7. To choose a committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing.

Art. 8. To hear the Report of their School Committee for the past year.

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1847.
March 1st.
Art. 9.

To see what amount of money the Town will raise for the support of Common Schools for the ensuing year, including only the wages and board of teachers, and fuel for the Schools; and act anything in regard to the expending and division of the same, they may think proper.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to keep their School Houses in repair the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to School Houses they think proper.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will have their School Houses insured, or act anything thereon.

Art. 12. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary Town charges the year ensuing.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the Bells for Town purposes the year ensuing, and taking care of the Town Clock.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine from running at large within said town, the year ensuing.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the Town for the year ensuing.

Art. 16. To choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House the year ensuing and act anything thereon they may think proper.

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Warrant March 1. 1847.

1847.
March 1.
Art. 17.

To see if the Town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some Suitable person to

take charge of their Poor-Farm for one or more years, or act anything thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to take charge of and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all the apparatus attached to them, belonging to the Town.

Art. 19. To adopt such measures as they think proper to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in town, in future, or act anything upon the subject they think proper.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will purchase a new Fire Engine, to be located in the Old City: and dispose of the Old Engine, House, Land, &c. now located in that part of the village, or act anything in regard to the whole subject they think proper.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will build Reservoirs for water, to be used in case of fire in different parts of the Centre Village, or act anything thereon they think proper.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will build a Tomb for the use of the Town, or act anything thereon.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will pay twenty five dollars awarded as damage to the High School Association, in the location of the High Street road. or act anything thereon.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will build the Road from near the House of Widow Mary C. Upton, to the county Road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster which was laid out by the Selectmen, and reported to the town at a meeting of the same in November last and accepted conditionally, or act any thing thereon.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will discontinue the Old Road leading from the house of Farwell Nicholds to the Road leading by the house

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March 1.

Warrant March 1. 1847.

of Ebenezer Hutchinson.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will cut down the Road at the top of the hill in front of the house of Jonas Marshall, or act anything thereon they think proper.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will abate the Taxes of certain persons on the Tax-bill of 1846. or act anything thereon.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will annex Nathan Hartwell to School District No. 8.

Art. 29. To hear the Report of any Committee chosen at former meetings of the town, and act thereon as they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this twelfth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Josiah Sheldon } Selectmen
Abel Thurston } of
Levi Downe } Fitchburg.

Worcester fs. Feb.^r 13. 1847. I served the within Warrant. by posting up attested copies of the same, at each of the public meeting-houses in the within named town fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Town Meeting March 1. 1847. Fitchburg—

Town
Meeting.

Town Hall Fitchburg March 1. 1847. at 9. o'clock A. M. meeting was opened by reading the Warrant recorded on page 425. and following—of this book and choosing Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator Pursuant to said warrant—the meeting was further opened by prayer By Rev. Ebenezer W. Bullard—check list used as the Law directs in the choise of Selectmen and Town Clerk. *Voted* that the Selectmen and Town Clerk be balloted for at the same time.

Art 1.

Voted To choose three Selectmen.

Art. 4.

Report on
Treasury for
1846

Voted to take up the forth Article and hear the Report of the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assors for the year past, which Report being read it appeared that the balance against the Town was the sum of \$16.688.19. the same balance last year was \$6.321.01. after said Report had been read it voted that the same be accepted. Chose for the same purpose for the year ensuing viz a committee to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors—David Boutelle, William Carleton and Abel Simonds—

Committee
on Treasury
1847.

Art. 1.
Town Clerk.

For Town Clerk chose s J. A. Marshall who was sworn in open Town meeting by the moderator Ivers Phillips Just of the peace.

Oaths.
evidence of

N. B. For evidence of the qualification by Oath of the officers chosen by the Town under this warrant and throughout the year and also those which may be appointed by the Selectmen during the year and of whom an Oath is by law required before entering upon the duties of their offices respectively—and who have taken the Oath required by law before me as Town Clerk will have the letter s. prefixed to their names and the date day & month, preceeding the letter s unles qualified on the day of election—

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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March 1.
Art. 1.
Selectmen

Town Meeting Fitchburg March 1. 1847.

For Selectmen on First ballot no one was chosen

2^d Ballot chose William Carleton. Declined March 2

John L. Joslin. who declined serving and on vote was excused whereupon it was voted to bring in votes for four Selectmen in addition to the one already chosen, on one ballot and it was then Voted that one hour be allowed to prepare votes for Selectmen—

Article 2.

The polls were opened for County Treasurer and

the votes were recd. sorted, counted and declared. as the law directs and were as follows the whole number of Votes was 138. all for Anthony Chase.

Article 1.
Assessors.

For Assessors chose s. Abel Thurston.

April 5 s. John L. Joslin.

s. Justin Stearns.

Treasurer.

For Town Treasurer chose s. Ebenezer Torrey.

Constables.

For Constables chose s. Stephen Shepley.

March 12. s. David F. McIntire.

" 2. s. Kilburn Harwood.

s. Aaron F. Beaman.

Chedorlaomer Marshall.

March 2. s. Timothy S. Wilson.

s. Elliot Wood.

March 9. s. Caleb W. Jaquith. Constables

March 2. 1847 chose

s. Charles Sawtell.

s. Samuel M. Dole.

s. John Coldwell.

April 5. 1847, chose

April 15. s. Edwin Upton.

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Art 1.

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For Fence Viewers chose

March 2. s. Isaac B. Woodard.

s. Edwin Upton.

March 5. s. Samuel Phelps.

s. Abel F. Adams.

March 6. s. Joseph Gibson.

Field
Drivers.

For Field Drivers chose s. David Whitmore.

James Hartwell.

s. Ebenezer Thurston.

s. John Harris.

Daniel Virgil.

Surveyors
of
Lumber.

For Surveyors of Lumber chose

May 15 s. Abijah Hartwell.

s. Tylor Younglove.

March 19. s. Henry Maynard.

s. Alonzo O. Carter.

Sealers
of
Leather
Pound
Keeper.

For Sealers of Leather chose. s. Charles Sawtell.
s. Jed Mayo.

For Pound Keeper chose

Reubin Rice.

Adjourned

After the business had progressed thus far the meeting was by Vote adjourned to tomorrow March 2^d at 9. o'clock A. M. at which time the meeting was opened by the Moderator pursuant to adjournment.

March 2.
1847.

after the meeting was opened it was moved that it be adjourned to Monday next at 9. o'clock A M. but said motion did not prevail

The polls were then opened for the choice of four Selectmen in addition to William Carleton

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March 2d.
Article 1.
Selectmen.

March Meeting. Adjournment March 2. 1847.

For Selectmen chose. s. Abel Thurston.

s. Abel F. Adams.

s. John Coldwell.

s. Levi Downe.

s. Josiah Sheldon. in place of

of William Carleton who have declined serving as one of the Selectmen and on vote Mr Carleton and Mr Joslin who declined yesterday were excused whereupon the town proceeded to ballot for one more Selectman in place of William Carleton and Josiah Sheldon whoes name is recorded above was declared chosen.

Dinner
Adjourned
for.

The meeting here by vote adjourned one hour for dinner. the meeting was opened at 1. o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment—

Fire Wards.

For Fire Wards chose

Alpheus Kimball.

J. A. Marshall.

Josiah Sheldon.

John Prichard.

Ebenezer Torrey.

Robert L. Frair.

John Caldwell.

John Clark.

{ Horace Newton was
chosen but declined
all others signified
their acceptance.

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Ivers Phillips.	Chedorlaomer Marshall
Abel Simonds.	David Boutelle were
Alvah Crocker.	Chosen Fire Wards.
Amos Durant.	
John H. Wheeler.	
Timothy S. Wilson.	
Charles Sawtell.	
David F. McIntire.	

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March 2d.
Art 1.

March Meeting Adjournment March 2 1847.

Voted not to choose Tything-men.

Voted that the Selectmen appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Cullers of
Hoops &
Staves

For Cullers of Hoops and Staves chose
Jeremiah Kinsman Jr.

March 6. s. E. S. Bowdich.

Voted that the Selectmen report a list of persons for Highway Surveyors at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to put over to the adjournment of this meeting the choosing of School Committee.

Art. 3.

Passed over by vote for the present.

Art. 5.

Past over to adjournment.

Art. 6.
\$2500.
Highways
&
Bridges.

For Highways and Bridges voted to raise Twenty five hundred Dollars to repair the same—and that the same price be paid for labor &c as last year.

Art. 7.
Bridge
Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee the year ensuing.

Art. 8.

Past over to adjournment.

Art. 9.
\$2400.
Schools.

Voted to raise the sum of Twenty four hundred Dollars for the support of Common Schools the year ensuing and that it be divided one hundred Dollars to each District and the remainder among the large Districts by a Committee of five chosen for that purpose for that committee chose

Hon. Nathaniel Wood.

William Carleton Esq.

Ivers Phillips Esq.

Stephen Shepley.

Abel Stevens.

Art 10.
Repairing
School
Houses

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to keep in repair our School Houses the year ensuing.

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March 2d.
Art. 11.
School
Houses
to be Insured.

March Meeting Adj. March 2. 1847.

Voted that the Town Treasurer procure Insurance against Fire on our School Houses.

Art. 12.
Town
Charges
\$12,000.
Art 13.
Bell & Clock

Voted to raise Twelve Thousand Dollars to defray necessary town charges the year ensuing.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to procure one of the Bells rung for Town purposes the year ensuing and take care of the Town Clock.

Art 14.
Horses Neat
Cattle &c
Restrained.

Voted that Horses, Neat-cattl and Swine be restrained from running at large the year ensuing.

Art 15.
Treasurer
to borrow
Money.

Voted that the Treasurer be Authorized to hire money for the use of the Town the year ensuing.

Art 16
Town House
Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to take charge of the Town House the year ensuing.

Art. 17.
Overseers of
Poor to con-
tract &c.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm for one or more years.

Art. 18.
Engine
Committee

Voted to choose a Committee to take care of and keep in repair our Fire Engines, Engine Houses and all the apparatus thereunto belonging. and chose for that Committee

Abijah Hartwell.

John Coldwell.

Abram S. Dole.

Thomas F. Handay.

Art. 19.
License
Law.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to prosecute any violation of the License Law at the expense of the Town.

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March 2d.
Art. 20:

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Voted that the twentieth Article be referred to the Selectmen to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Art. 21.
Reservoirs.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to grant the privilege of building Reservoirs in the Highways if they see fit provided it be done free of any and all expense to the Town.

Art. 22.
Tomb.

Voted to build or procure a Tomb—for the use of the Town.

Art. 23.
High School
Association
\$25.

Voted that twenty five Dollars be paid the High School Association for the purpose mentioned in the twenty third Article.

Art. 24.

Voted that the Subject of the twenty forth Article be refered to the three first Selectmen to report thereon at the adjournment.

Art. 25.

Voted to pass over the twenty fifth Article.

Art 26.

Voted that the subject of this the twenty sixth Article be refered to a committee of three to report at the adjournment of this meeting—chose for said Committee

William Carleton.

Isaac B. Woodard.

Levi Downe.

Art. 27.
Taxes to
abate.

On the Subject of the twenty seventh Article *voted* that the Selectmen be authorized to abate the taxes of such persons as have died poor, at their discretion—and also such taxes of the Hon. Nathaniel Wood shall decide were illegally assessed.

Art 28.
N. Hartwell
to District
No 8. Annex.

Voted that Nathan Hartwell be annexed to School District No 8.

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March 2.
Art. 29.

Voted to pass over the twenty ninth Article there being no Reports offered under this Art.

Art. 1.

The first Article was here again taken up and on *vote* proceeded to choose three additional Constables

Constables
See page 430. by nomination

Chose

s. Charles Sawtell.

s. Samuel M. Dole.

s. John Coldwell.

Adjourned

Here the Town voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at one O'clock P. M.

April 5.
1847.

Monday April 5th 1847. Pursuant to adjournment the Inhabitants met at the Town Hall in said

Fitchburg at one o'clock P. M. and the meeting was opened by the moderator—Ivers Phillips Esq

Article 1.

For Highway Surveyors chose

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|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Phineas S. Kimball. | s. Ivers Phillips. |
| | s. David D. McIntire. | Stephen McIntire. |
| April 21. | s. Levi Farnsworth. | s Justin Stearns. |
| April 19. | s. Luther Maynard. | Nathan Tolman. |
| April 9. | s. Edward Smith. | s. Silas Hosmer. |
| | s. Alpheus Boutelle. | s. Levi Downe. |
| | s. Samuel Burnap. | |
| April 15. | s. Farwell Nichols. | |
| | s. Isaiah Putnam. | |
| | s. Daniel Works. | |
| | s. Samuel Hale 2 ^d . | |
| | s. John Harris. | |
| | s. Joel Page Jr. | |
| April 17. | s. Hosea M. Caswell. | |
| May 8. | s. Nathan Caswell. | |
| April 15. | s. George O. Stickney. | |
| | s. Abel Marshall. | |
| | Alonzo P. Goodridge. | |
| | s. John Andrews. | |
| April 10. | s. Jonathan Whitman. | |
| | William Woodbury Jr. | |
| | s. Thomas S. Eaton. | |
| | s. Abel Simonds. | |
| | s. Micha Shattuck Jr. | |

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1847.
April 5.th
Art. 1.st
Constable

March Meeting Adjournment April 5. 1847.

Voted to choose one more Constable.

Voted & chose April 5 s. Edwin Upton, Constable
(See Page 430.).

Art. 3.

Voted not to choose the Treasurer Collector of Taxes.

Taxes
Collection of.
\$1.90 on
100\$

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be let out by the Moderator to the lowest bidder and on the same conditions as last year which being done they were struck off to Isaac B. Woodard at one dollar and ninty cents on the hundred Dollars. The following

gentlemen were proposed as bondsmen for. Isaac B. Woodard as Collector and were accepted by the Town. Whereupon the Town *Voted* and chose s. Isaac B. Woodard, Collector.

Collector.

Art 5.

The committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of the Poor Establishment for the past year here made their Report which was read and on vote was accepted by which it appears that the poor have cost the Town for their Support the past year \$823.57.

Poor Support
of
\$823.57.

Committee
on Support
of Poor.

Voted & chose for a committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing

William Bemis.

Abel Stevens.

Nathan Ordway.

Article 8
Report of
School Com.

The School Committee presented their Report which was not read but ordered to be printed 1000 copies.

Art 1.

Voted and chose Ivers Phillips.

School
Committee

Stephen Holman.

Stephen Shepley.

Asa Farwell.

John L. Chandler. School Committee

Art 9.

Voted to take up the ninth Article but nothing was done here

Art 20

Past over indefinitely

Art 24

Voted that the Town, in consequence of the owners of land through which the Road referred to in this Article passes, refusing to build said Road, recede from its former proposal or vote on the subject of said Road. See page 420, & 421.

Road by
Mrs Uptons

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Art 26.
Report on
the Alteration
of Road by
Jonas
Marshall.

The Committee to whome the Subject of this Article was referred made here the following Report
“Your Committee chosen at the last March meeting to examine the hill near the house of Mr Jonas Marshall have attended to that duty and Report as follows—Your Committee are unanimous in the opinion that something must be done to remedy that hill, that

if the Town do not do it the County Commissioners will if they are applied to, your Committee undertook to estimate the expense of reducing the hill in two different ways, the first was by filling the valley between the House of Mr Marshall and the house of Wm. Carleton so as to make it an inclined plane which will reduce the hill to $3\frac{1}{2}$ degrees. your Committee by making an estimate as near as they could came to the conclusion that 1500. yards would make that fill and that could be done for 10. cents pr yard making \$150. of which if this course is adopted Mr Marshall will pay \$25, and Mr Sheldon & Carleton \$25. leaving \$100. for the Town to pay. your Committee are of Opinion that if this course is adopted it will be necessary that a small fill be made easterly of Mr Marshalls House which will probably cost \$20. more which will make \$120. The other course to reduce the hill was by making a cut of two feet on the top of the hill and fill to make it and inclined plain to near the house of Carleton which will reduce the hill to 3 degrees which your committee are of opinion can be done for \$100. if this course is adopted Mr Sheldon & Carleton will pay \$50. towards the expenses in this case Mr Marshall claims damages. he was urged to name the amount to which he replied he should get all he could.

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all which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

Wm Carleton

Levi Downe

Isaac B Woodward

After the foregoing Report had been read the same was accepted and on vote the first proposition in said Report was adopted and that the committee above carry the same into effect—Mr Carleton at his request was excused and Mr Josiah Sheldon was chosen in his stead.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Officers Appointed by Selectmen March 1847.

Officers
AppointedMeasurers of
Wood & Bark

The Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg at a meeting this day held for that purpose hereby appoint the following persons to be measurers of wood and Bark in said town for the year ensuing and fix the price at six cents pr. load.

Ebenezer Ball.

Nathaniel S. Boutelle.

March 23 s. Joseph Pierce.

April 15. s. Jonathan L. Tenney.

Robert L. Frair.

April 7. s. John L. Joslin.

Abel Simonds.

Aaron K. Litch.

Jonathan Haskell.

April 15. s. Josiah B. Willard.

Fitchburg March 13.th 1847.

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Josiah Sheldon	
John Coldwell	
Abel F. Adams	
Levi Downe	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Sealer of
Weights &
Measures

The Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg at a meeting this day held for that purpose do hereby appoint May 15. s Abijah Hartwell to be Sealer of Weights and Measures in said Town for the year ensuing

Fitchburg March 13. 1847.

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Josiah Sheldon	
John Coldwell	
Abel F. Adams	
Levi Downe	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant.
April 5thWarrant for Town Meeting April 5th 1847.

Worcester fs. To either of the Constables of the town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabi-

tants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town Hall in Fitchburg on Monday the fifth day of April next it being the first Monday of said month at twelve O'clock at noon to bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for three County Commissioners and two special Commissioners for the County of Worcester,

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel F. Adams	
Josiah Sheldon	
John Coldwell	
Levi Downe	}

Worcester fs: March 20th 1847. I served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in the Town of Fitchburg fourteen days at least before the time for holding this meeting

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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April 5.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 5.th 1847. 12. O'clock at noon pursuant to Warrant Recorded on Page 440 of this Book the Town meeting was opened as above by the Selectmen, the Warrant having been read the Selectmen Received the Votes of the Inhabitants who were legal Voters for Three County Commissioners and Two Special Commissioners which were sorted, counted and declared as follows.

For County Commissioners. The Whole number of Votes was 212.

William Crawford	had	140.
Jerome Gardner	"	142.
Joseph Bruce	"	141.
Nathaniel Wood	"	71.
William P. Marble	"	71.
Warren Humes	"	70.
Leonard Burrage	"	1.

For Special Commissioners Whole number of Votes 212.

Stephen Davis	had	142.
Jason Goulding	"	142.
Gardner Ruggles	"	70.
Otis Adams	"	70.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall
Town Clerk

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Warrant,
April 5.th

Warrant for Town Meeting April 5th 1847.

Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the fifth day of April next, at three O'clock, in the after noon then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1.st To choose a Moderator.

2.^d To See if the Town will unite School Districts No. 1. and 2. so as to form One District to be called District No. 1. according to the vote of said Districts passed at their Annual Meetings March 15th 1847.

3.^d To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to prepare and lay before the Town a list of such Inhabitants of said Town as are well qualified to serve as Jurors, and to take such further action in relation to Jurors as they shall deem proper.

4th To see if the Town will allow Samuel Fancis any further compensation for work done on the

Stone Bridge near the Stone Mill in the 'Old City' or act anything thereon they may think proper.

5.th To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by Hiram Davis and others or Act any thing thereon.

6.th To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen, as petitioned for by William Marshall and Others or act any thing thereon.

7.th To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by George F. Harris and Others or act any thing thereon.

8.th To see if the Town will Discontinue any part of the Old Road leading from the house of

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Farwell Nicholds to the Road leading by the house of Ebenezer Hutchinson or act any thing thereon.

9.th To see if the Town will pay Samuel Smith the sum awarded to him as damage for widening the Road near the house of P. S. Snow in 1835. or act any thing thereon.

10.th To see if the Town will take measures to provide a more Suitable and Commodious Town House or Hall for holding Town Meetings and transacting other Town business and to dispose of the Old Town House or act any thing upon the subject they think proper.

11.th To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of building side-walks in the village or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under

our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year
One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Abel F. Adams	
John Coldwell	
Levi Downe	
Josiah Sheldon	

Worcester, fs: March 27. 1847. I have served the
within Warrant by posting up attested copies of the
same at each of the public meeting-houses in the
Town of Fitchburg seven days before the time of
holding the within named meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Town
Meeting
April 5th.

Town Meeting April 5. 1847.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 5.th 1847. 3, O'clock
P. M. A. meeting was opened at the above time and
place Pursuant to Warrant Recorded on Pages 442 &
443 of this Book. the Warrant being read by the
Clerk the meeting was Organized by choosing Ivers
Phillips Esq Moderator under the first Article.

Article 1st.

Article 2d.
Districts Nos
1, & 2.
United.
Article 3d.
Jurors.

Voted that School Districts Nos. 1. & 2. be United
in One District and be called District No. 1.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to revise
the Juror Box and that the Selectmen cause the list
of persons selected as Jurors to be posted with the
Warrant for the next Town Meeting and published in
the Several newspapers published in town.

Article 4th.

The forth Article was passed over or postponed
indefinitely.

Article 5th.

The Report of a Road mentioned in the fifth
Article on the petition of Hiram Davis and Others
was here read to the Town and on vote it was
accepted on the following conditions, that it be built
free from any and all expense to the Town to the
Acceptance of the Selectmen and be completed within
one year—Mr Davis was present and agreed to com-
ply with the conditions. The following is the Report.

Road on
petition of
Hiram Davis
& Others.
Accepted

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town Way as follows: Beginning at a Stake and Stones at the south west corner of land owned by Cyrus Robinson on the North side of Davis Street, thence on land of Hiram Davis South 53° 15' East three hundred and Seventy one feet to land of the late Samuel Willis, Said Road to be two Rods wide and to lie on the Northeasterly side of said course, also the Northeast corner of land owned by William Sandin and bordering on said Road and on Davis Street, to be made on a proper circle for the distance of ten feet on each of said Roads, And we have agreed

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with the owners of the land over which said road passes, who release all damages for laying said way through their land, Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance; and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way—

Dated at Fitchburg this twenty fifth day of March 1847.

Abel Thurston	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel F. Adams		
John Coldwell		
Levi Downe		
Josiah Sheldon	}	

Recorded by J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 6
Report
of a Road
on petition
of Wm. Mar-
shall
shall
Accepted
Grove Street.

A Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen of the petition of William Marshall and others was here read to the Town and on Vote was accepted and Ordered to be built within Six Months under the direction of the Selectmen—The following is the Copy of said Report. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town Way as follows: Beginning one foot Easterly of a Stone post on Pritchard Street at the Northeasterly corner of land of William E. Haskins thence South 34¾° West thirty

Six Rods and five links partly over a traveled way and partly over land of Benjamin Snow, thence same course two hundred feet to a stake on Main Street two rods easterly of of land of Thomas R. Boutelle said course over land of Abial J. Towne, to be thirty feet wide till it passes the land of Milton Frost thence to be thirty three feet to the end of said way on Main Street and to lie on the Westerly side of said course—And we have appraised the damage of land over which said way passes as follows To Abial J. Towne the sum of Six hundred Dollars and the said Benjamin Snow releases all damage for laying said way through his land. Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their Acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty day of March 1847.
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See Report of Road on last preceeding Page the following are the names of Selectmen who signed said Report

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Abel F. Adams	
John Coldwell	
Levi Downe	
Josiah Sheldon	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 7.th

Under the seventh Article was read a Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on the petition of George F. Harris and Others, which Report was by vote Accepted and said Road was ordered to be built under the direction of the Selectmen within Six months. The following is the

Road
Report.
on petition
of
George F.
Harris and
Others.
Rockville
Accepted.
N B. this
location was
changed

Report.

In accordance with the above petition and order
We the Subscribers Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid

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out for the use of said Town a Town Way as follows: Beginning at the southerly side of the Road leading by the Cotton Mill of Ivers Phillips and the house of Charles Russell in Rock-ville at the second Stone post on the easterly side of the passway leading from said Road to the Cotton Mill aforesaid, thence South $23^{\circ} 45'$ West 10. Rods on land of Ivers Phillips to land of Charles Russell, thence South 31° West $9\frac{1}{2}$ Rods on land of said Russell to a pile of Stones—thence South 5° west 19. Rods on said Russell's land to a pile of Stones—thence South 52° East 17. Rods to a pile of stones thence South 55° East 7. Rods to a pine stump—from the pine Stump South 64° East 7 Rods two links—

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South $45\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East 5. Rods 20 links, South $32\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ East $5\frac{1}{2}$. Rods, South 23° East 8. Rods 8. links, South $2\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ East. $33\frac{1}{2}$ Rods to a Maple Tree, Thence South $14^{\circ} 30''$ East 15. Rods and four Links to a Stake and Stones on the Northerly side of the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster. The first 55 Rods to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ Rods wide—then 18. Rods to be $3\frac{1}{2}$. Rods wide and the remainder to the County Road to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ Rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course. And we have appraised the damage to Ivers Phillips for laying said Road through his land at One hundred Dollars, and we have agreed with Charles Russell for his damage at Eighty Dollars, and Leonard C. Sanborn and Abel Simonds relinquish all damage for passing through their land, and the above named Phillips and Russell to receive their damage before said Road is opened and we allow the said Phillips three months to remove a building now standing thereon, Which said Road is hereby Reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded is forever

after to be known as a public Town Way. Dated at Fitchburg this 27.th day of March 1847.

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Abel F. Adams	
John Coldwell	
Levi Downe	

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 8. Voted to pass over the eighth Article in the Warrant.

Article 9. Voted to pass over the ninth Article or postpone indefinitely.

Art. 10. Voted to pass over the tenth Article.

Art. 11. Voted to pass over the eleventh Article.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

Attest.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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May 15.th
Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting May 15th 1847.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Saturday the fifteenth day of May inst. at one O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1st To take such action as they think proper on an Order of Notice from the County Commissioners based on a petition of Thomas R. Adams and Others to lay a Road from near the House of Ebenezer Whitmore to Ashby line.

2d To see if the town will build a new School House in District No. 12. and act any-thing in regard to building School Houses they think proper.

3d To see if the Town will take measures to prepare a code of By Laws for future use or act anything thereon.

4th To see if the Town will purchase a new Fire

Engine to be located in the Old City: and dispose of the Old Engine, House, Land &c. now located in that part of the village or act anything in regard to the whole subject they think proper.

5th To see if the Town will choose an additional number of Fire Wards for the year ensuing.

6th To see if the Town will alter or improve the Road between the Hovey place and the House formerly owned by Charles Davis or act anything thereon.

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To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen commencing near the House of Widow Mary C. Upton and terminating at the County Road leading from Fitchburg to Leominster as petitioned for by Abel Kenney and others and act anything thereon.

8th To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen commencing near the house of Kilburn Harwood and terminating near the house of Silas W. Hutchinson as petitioned for by Daniel Emory and act anything thereon they think proper.

9th To see if the Town will sell any land from their Poor Farm, or act any thing thereon they think proper.

10th To see if the Town will accept a list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this eighth day of May in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Abel Thurston.	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel F. Adams.	
John Coldwell.	
Levi Downe.	
Josiah Sheldon.	

Worcester, ss. May 8th 1847. I this day served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same at each of the public meeting-houses in the Town of Fitchburg seven days before the time of holding the within named meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Town Hall Fitchburg May 15. 1847. One O'clock P. M. Meeting opened as above pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, by reading the same and choosing William Carleton Esq—Moderator.

Article 1st.
Road to
Ashby by
Stillman
Burnaps.
Committee
to Oppose.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to oppose the location of the Road set forth in the first Article of the Warrant. Chose for said Committee

Hon. Nathaniel Wood.

William Carleton Esq.

William Woodbury.

Abel Stevens.

Alpheus P. Kimball.

Article 2d.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to build a New School House in District No 12. if they shall think it necessary.

School
Houses.
Districts
Nos 12. & 1.

Voted that the Selectmen be Authorized to build a School House for Ward No. 1.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to procure a School House for Word No 1. Otherwise than by building if they see fit—

Article 3d
Bye Laws.
Committee
on.

Voted that a Committee be chosen to draft a code of Bye Laws for the Town and Report at some future meeting

Chose for said Committee William Woodbury.

Jonas A. Marshall.

Nathaniel Wood.

Milton Whitney.

Horace Newton.

Article 4.
New Fire
Engine
No. 2. \$800.
for.

Voted to appropriate eight hundred Dollars to procure an Engine to take the place of Fire Engine No 2.

Voted that John Coldwell C. Marshall & Milton Whitney be a committee to procure said Engine.

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Old Engine
No. 2.
Article 5th.
Fire Wards.

Voted the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of Engine No. 2. as they think proper.

Voted to choose two Fire Wards in addition to those chosen at March meeting.

Chose Chedorlaomer Marshall. } Fire Wards
David Boutelle. }

Article 6th.
Road by
Hovey place
\$100 to imp.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to cause the Road mentioned in this article, to be cleared of all incumbrances. and Also Voted to appropriate (\$100.) one hundred Dollars to be laid by the Selectmen for the improvement of the Road mentioned in the Sixth Article.

Article 7.

Past over the 7 Article by vote.

Article 8.

The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Daniel Emery and others was here read to the Town and on voted the same was accepted as follows or on the following condition, the Town appropriated One hundred Dollars on condition that individuals should within two weeks, give Bonds to the Town to build and complete said Road and pay all damages for land and save the town from any and all expense for land damages or for building said Road except the one hundred Dollars above appropriated, and that that the Road shall be completed to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first day of October next. A Bond was given as above to the acceptance of the Selectmen. The following is the Report.

High
Street.
Accepted

High St.

In accordance with the above petition and Order, we the Subscribers, Selectmen of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows. Beginning at a Stake on the westerly side of High Street in the village of said town nearly opposite a small house now occupied as a School House

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and running North 15.° East 8 Rods and fifteen links partly on said High St. and partly on land of the High School Association to a gray Oak marked, thence North 11° East one rod and twenty links partly on said High St. and partly on land of said High School Association thence same course nine rods on land of Jonas A. Marshall to a stake two feet west of Poplar tree marked, thence North 1° 30" West partly on said High St. and partly on land of said Marshall nineteen rods and fifteen links to a stake at the south east corner of land of David Ordway being on the west side of said High St. to be forty feet wide and to lie on the easterly side of said course And we have appraised the damage to the owners of land over which said way passes as follows: To said High School Association we have appraised no damage, to Jonas A. Marshall the sum of thirty dollars for laying said way through his land, to be paid by said town before said way is opened. Which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded, is forever after to be known as a public town way. Dated at Fitchburg this eighth day of May in the year 1847.

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel F. Adams	
John Caldwell	
Levi Downe	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 9.

One the Subject of the ninth Article voted that the Selectmen be authorized to receive proposals for land belonging to our Poor Farm & and lay the same before the Town at some future meeting.

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The following Report was then laid before the Town by the Selectmen of a list of persons selected as Jurors. which was Read and on vote was accepted

A List of Persons proposed by the Selectmen to the town for Jurors—

Jurors.

John Andrews	W ^m . Marshall
Edward Aldrich	Abram Osborne
David Boutell	Joseph Pierce
Alpheus Boutell	Nathan Prescott
Nathl. S. Boutell	Levi Pratt
John L. Bailey	James P. Putnam
Thomas C. Caldwell	Francis Perkins
Saml. S. Crocker	Benjamin Safford
W ^m S. Downe	Edward Smith
Amos Durant	Levi Sherwin
Thomas S. Eaton	Justin Stearns
John T. Farwell	Everett Sprague
Levi Farnsworth	Abel Simonds
Robert L. Friar	Clark Simonds
Alonzo P. Goodridge	Cyrus Thurston
Asher Green	Nathan Tolman
Leonard B. Hartwell	Joseph Upton Jr.
Samuel Hawes	Arnold Wilson
John M. Harris	Sam ^l . A. Wheeler
John L. Joslin	Isaac B. Woodward
David Lowe	Tyler Younglove
Daniel Messenger	

Fitchburg May 3 ^d 1847.	Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
	Abel F. Adams	
	John Caldwell	
	Levi Downe	
	Josiah Sheldon	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Militia Roll

List of Names of the Inhabitants of Fitchburg who are liable to be enrolled in the Militia of the State of Massachusetts.

Lindsley Adams	Lucius Aldrich
George L. Adams	Julius C. Aldrich
John Auld	Rufus Anderson

Benjamin Arnold	Wilder Butters
Edward Atkinson	Jerome Beal
Sewall F. Adams	Joseph Bemis
Hosea B. Aldrich	Job S. Bigelow
Charles Arnold	Elisha N. Bigelow
Benjamin Arnold	Levi Bishop
William Atherton	Dennis Blood
John L. Atherton	Daniel Blood
Abel F. Adams	William E. Bliss
Daniel Andrews	Levi M. Blanchard
Alonzo Andrews	George H. Boss
Leander Andrews	Daniel C. Bowker
Artemas F. Andrews	Cyrel Bowker
Henry Ames	Horace S. Bowman
Ira Aldrich	Alfred Bridges
Josiah Bacon	A. C. Brown
Isaac T. Babbit	David C. Brick
Ithiel S. Bailey	Lowell Burgess
Abbot Bartlett	Daniel W. Boss
Samuel Barnes	John Boutelle
Rufus Barrett	Leander Boutelle
David Battles	Samuel Carter
Nathan L. Battles	Josiah Chapin
Samuel Battles	Almanza Carter
Charles Battles	Joseph Brooks
Calvin Battles	Levi Bennett
Byron E. Bartlett	Benjn. H. Conant
Ransalier Bacon	George Boynton
John Ball	David Briggs
G. F. Bailey	Walter Conant
Joseph C. Barrus	Wm. Barnes
Charles D. Barrett	Porter Barton
Murray A. Bartlett	Jesse F. Churchill
David Bates	Thomas Beal
Joseph Baldwin	Charles J. Billings
J. Foster Beal	Samuel Blake
Alonzo D. Bigelow	Joseph Blanchard
Charles Billings	Thomas S. Blood
Silas P. Billings	Bellarman Betton
Luther Blanchard	E. S. Bowditch
Josiah W. Boutelle	Josiah D. Brown
Jacob Brown	S. O. Brown
Elisha Brown	Jerome S. Brick
Amos Brown Jr.	C— A. Bullock
Hubbard H. Brigham	James Burditt
C. F. Burnap	Alden Butrick
Stillman Burnap	Orvas Camp

Josiah Chase	William W. Comee
Alden P. Churchill	James M. Comee
John Clark	Leander P. Comee
William Coughlin	Addison A. Crawford
Martin Coughlin	H. C. Crehore
James M. Collier	Timothy Crowley
N. P. Colburn	Charles Crosby

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David Davidson	Fitch Down
Moses Downer	Wm. B. S. Drew
Wm. F Durant	David Danforth
Israel N. Carter	John Daisey
Elijah S. Carter	Daniel Danforth
Alonzo O Carter	Lafayette Davis
John Carr	Charles Davis
Josiah W. Caswell	Andrew J. Dean
Samuel M. Caswell	Charles P. Dean
David Caulkins	James H. Dean
Charles Collins	David H. Eager
Ira E. Cutler	Oliver K. Eaton
James Cutler	John Eaton
Solon Chaplin	John Erwin
R. R. Clemence	Henry Easson
Franklin Colburn	Abel Eaton
Smith Colburn	Amos Eaton
Henry Conant	William H. Eaton
Samuel A. Corser	Daniel Emory
George A. Corser	Eliakim Estabrook
Nat Cowdin 2 ^d	Franklin Eaton
Samuel L. Cowdin	William C. Ellick
Lysander Cowdry	George Emory
Grable D. Cruise	James H. Estus
Chandler Crocker	Josiah W. Emerson
Charles P. Crossman	Charles A. Fairbanks
E. W. Cutter	Dexter Farwell
Perry Cushing	Alson H. Farwell
Joseph Cushing	Gardner Farrar
Addison W. Damon	Levi Farwell
John Davis	Wm. B. Flagg
Otis Davis	Philander S. Fletcher
Joseph Davenport	Asa T. Farwell
Josiah H. Davis	George Foyster
Benjn. J. Day	Robert L. Friar
Abel Derby	George W. Fuller
George W. Dewitt	Stearns A. Fitts

George A. Fitts	Arrington Gibson 3 ^d
Edwin B. Fletcher	Joseph Gibson
J. W. Flagg	J. Kinsman Gibson
Dewit C. Fisher	Lemuel W. Gibson
Francis B. Fisher	Reuben Gibson
Charles S. Farrer	Henry H. Gibson
Alonzo Fairbanks	Nathaniel Gookin
Ransalier Farnum	James Gardner
Thomas T. Farwell	George Gates
Henry G. Farnsworth	Lyman J. Gibson
Thomas Ferris	George Goddard
Levi Fessenden	John W. Griswell
Daniel Fish	George Green
Thomas P. Flint	Charles Gerry
Charles M. Foster	William Gibbs
Gilman S. Frost	Jesse Gibbs
Barnard Fuller	Sanford Giles
E. N. Fuller	Charles B. Griffin
Samuel Farwell	Ira T. Gleason
Salathiel W. Farmer	John Goodridge
Jabez Flint	Alonzo P. Goodridge
Arthur Forrester	John Goodwin
Charles Fullum	Ralph S. Gordon
Aaron Gates	Roswell Graham
Erbin Gibson	

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Solomon Gilpatrick	Silas Hosmer
Henry Grimes	Augustus C. Houghton
Charles M. Hager	Albert G. Houghton
George W. Hager	William B. Howe
Wm H. Hale	Leonard Howland
Seth B. Hall	Nathaniel Hoyt
Levi Harris	Henry P. Haven
Gordes D. Harris	Edwin Jackson
Caleb Harding	George Snow
Wm. H. Hayes	Henry A. Hale
Ebenezer Hayward	William B. Harris
John S. Hawkins	Levi Harris Jr.
Calvin Hewitt	Nathan Haskins
Andrew Henry	John Hastings
Jason Hill	Horace Hayward
Joseph Hitchcock	Ebenezer C. Hayden
Steven Holman	William Hazlett
John Holmes	Charles W. Holt
Thomas E. Hall	Franklin Holland

Peter B. Howard	George E. Lane
J. E. Hunt	Luther Lakin
James D. Hutchinson	Lemuel Lakin
Samuel Hale 2 ^d	Joseph Leavett
Zephiniah Hammond	Dane G. Lillis
Willard Harris	George W. Lillis
John M. Harris	James D. Litchfield
George Harris	Rufus Litchfield
James Hartwell	Edward Locke
Leonard Hartwell	Samuel Lovering
John Hartwell	Samuel M. Loveland
Edwin Hartwell	Frederick A. Kendall
Henry W. Haskell	Michael Killian
Almer C. Hilton	John Kilburn
Richard Hill	Hiram Knapp
Stephen Hicks	Alonzo W. Laughton
John Holman	James W. Leverett
Phillip Howe	William M. Leath
Addison Hubbard	Charles Livermore
Henry E. Hutchinson	Abel Manning
Anson Humphrey	Henry Martin
Rufus M. Huntley	William Marshall
Abram Jaquith	Benjamin Marshall
Isaac P. Jaquith	Joseph Marshall
David Jaquith	David P. Maynard
Charles Johnson	Samuel Marble
William Jaseph	Almer Mason
Stilman Jackson	Wm. H. Mention
John P. Jaquith	Charles Merriam
John L. Joslin	Wm. J. Merriam
William Jewett	Wm. S. Merritt
Henry F. Kenney	Daniel Messenger 2 nd
Charles M. Kent	Jacob Miller
John Killgore	Wm B. Moore
William Kilgore	Curtis Graves
Franklin Kilburn	Calvin Lowe
Jeremiah Kinsman Jr	Charles Titcomb
Timothy W. Kinsman	Nathan O. Prescott
John J. King	Joseph Worcester
Peter King	Thomas T. Hale.
Lorin J. Laird	

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Steven N. Tolman	Joseph G. Searle
Edwin Works	Alfred Mc.Intire
Amos Sheldon	Danforth K. Lathrop
Abel Long	Gilbert Curtis

Lucius Tenney	William A. Nourse
James A. Holden	Daniel L. Noyes
George Whitcomb	Josiah Norcross
George Stimpson	William Obrine
Samuel Hewitt	James Obrine
George Whitney	Wm. H. Orcott
Frederic Haskell	Abel Orsborn
Alonzo P Williams	David B. Ordway
Edwin Howard	Edwin Johnson
Wm. Tyler	Ransalier Wright
Mason Harris	Jackson Marble
Lorin Kendall	John Wood
Charles Kinsman	Roland Rice
Lorenzo Kinsman	George Snow
Edwin Lamb	Aldrich Hinds
Joseph Lamb	Joel Packard
Uriah Lawrence	Albert G. Page
Freeborn Lawrence	Enoch Page
Charles H. Lawrence	Joel Page Jr.
Amos Lewis	Thomas Page
Emerson Lewis	Luther Parker
John Lowe	James Perham
Samuel H. Lowe	William B. Phelps
John Lusk	Franklin Philips
John Lynch	Joseph Polley
Abel Marshall	James Putnam
Luther Maynard	David Parker
Francis Mc.Dowel	Asa Partridge
Franklin Mc.Intire	Oren Partridge
Levi Mc.Intire	Alonzo Phelps
Steven Mc.Intire	Leander G. Pierce
Lyman Mc.Intire	Albert T. Pierce
Horace P. Messenger	William Pride
Daniel Messenger	Elisha B. Reed
Austin Mossman	Hale W. Page
Isaiah Mc.Intire	Warren Parkhurst
Harvey Mack	David M. Parker
George R Mansfield	Otis Parmeter
Joel Marshall	Moses Perkins Jr.
Henry Maynard	Abum Perrum
Joseph Maynard	Edward Pool
John Mc.Carty	Silas Pratt
Milton Merriam	Barney Pratt
Hiram K. Messenger	Levi L. Pratt
William Miles	John Putnam
Edward Murdock	Salmun W. Putnam
John F. Murdock	George E. Putnam
Amasa Norcross	Asa Putney

Calvin Pierce
William Randall
William F. Reeve
David Richardson
Harvey Rideout
Silas Rice
Leonard Rice
Ira Ricker

Isaac Ripley
Elias F. Ripley
George Robbins
Samuel Roberts
Charles Russel
Joseph Roby
Horace Rice
Augustus Rice

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Augustus M. Rice
— Riley
W^m. H. Rockwood
Reuben Rugg
Solomon Ruggles
Charles H. Raymond
Eli W. Raymond
John Reed
Silas Rice
Otis Rider
Henry O. Rockwell
Dwight Sackett
Benjamin Safford
Roby R. Safford
Joseph T. Scott
Samuel Shattuck
Micah Shattuck Jr.
David A. Smith
Samuel B. Smith
John Smith
Jotham S. Smith
Charles H. B. Snow
Clark Simonds
Lorenzo Stearns
John Stickney
George O. Stickney
John C. Stimpson
Avery Stockwell
Lorrison Stockwell
Abion Smith
Augustus Sawyer
James D. Searly
Charles R. Shattuck
Henry Scism
John P. Sheldon
Sanborn L. Sheldon
Allen Smith

Lorenzo Smith
H. W. Smith
Benⁿ Snow Jr.
Z. P. Spaulding
Leonard Stark
Abel Stevens
Orvill Stiles
James F. Stiles
George M. Stearns
Moses Story
Horace Taft
Sam^l W. Tileston
Waterman Tuttle
William Turner
John M. Twitchell
John P. Sabin
William Sampson
Theodore L. Sanderson
Leonard C. Sandburn
Charles F. Sawtell
Henry E. Sawyer
Levi Sawin
W^m. H. Saul
Gilbert Sheldon
Francis D. Sheldon
Samuel D. Sheldon
Reuben Smith 2^d
Leonard Smith
Rufus P. Smith
Lorin Smith
John Smith 2nd
Edward T. Smith
Reuben Smith
William Stevenson
George Stimpson
L. H. Stockwell
Jones Stone

Warren F. Stone	Silas Winchester
Charles Sylvester	Winchester Wyman
William R Taylor	Richard O. Wise
Edwin S. Taylor	William Young
Richard H. Torrey	Samuel Walton
Darius Tucker	Charles H. Walcot
Horatio Tuttblill	Thornton K. Ware
Hartwell C. Twitchel	Henry Warren
Seth I. Twitchel	William Welch
Timothy Underwood	John Welch
James S. Vanderford	James Welch
Daniel Taylor	Luke Wellington
William E Taylor	Philip M. Wheeler
Henry Town	David C. Whitcomb
Charles Upton	J. Andrew Whitcomb
Waldo Wallace	William White
Volney B. Wait	Luther J. Whitcomb
Samuel Ware	Oren Wilson
Israel Wetherbee Jr.	Josiah B Willard
Alfred M. Wheeler	Joseph Willard
James B. Wheeler	John Wilkins
Lorin Wheeler	Charles N. Wilson
James Whittimore	Albert N. Winchester
Simon Whitney	Isaac D. Wiswell

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Levi Farwell	George A. White
Goodwin Wood	Franklin Willard
Elliot Wood	William Winch
Joseph Wood	Elisha Withington
Hiram Wood	Stephen F. Woodsum
James Walker	Cyrus Wood
Daniel F. Ward	Selim Worcester
Horace Weld	Jabez Wright
Benj ⁿ S. Weld	A. C. Wright
John Weld	Charles Willard
Benjn. W. West	James Willard
Almond Wheeler	Ira Younglove
Charles S. West	Joseph Ware
Jonathan Whitman	Zenophan Adams
Alfred Whittimore	John H. Wheeler
Fitchburg May 28 th 1847.	Abel Thurston } Assessors
	John L. Joslin } of
Whole Number enrolled 629.	Justin Stearnes } Fitchburg
Returned to Adjutant General	
June 1847.	
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk	

Appointment. Measurer of Wood and Bark Appointed by Selectmen
 Measurer of The Selectmen of Fitchburg at a Meeting this day
 Wood & held for that purpose hereby appoint William Sandin
 Bark. to be Measurer of Wood and Bark in sd town.

Fitchburg Oct. 30th 1847. Abel Thurston. }
 Abel F. Adams. } Selectmen
 John Coldwell. } of
 Levi Downe. } Fitchburg

1847. November 12th personally appeared William Sandin and took the Oath required of a Measurer of Wood and Bark before me

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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 October 23.
 Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting October 23. 1847.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg on Saturday the Twenty third day of October instant at one o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To see if the Town will discontinue any part of the Road called High Street.
- 3rd. To see if the Town will accept of a New Road laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by Stephen McIntire and others commencing on the County Road leading to Ashby and ending at the Road leading by said McIntire's or act any thing thereon.
- 4th. To see if the Town will accept of an alteration of the location as laid out by their Selectmen of the new Road recently voted by the town commencing near the Cotton Mill of Ivers Phillips and ending at the County Road leading to Westminster as petitioned for by Ivers Phillips and others or act any thing thereon.

5th. To see if the Town will accept of three separate Roads laid out by their Selectmen commencing near the Brick School house in Shool District No. 1. (Old City) two of the same ending on Summer St. and one ending on Blossom St. as petitioned for by James L. Haynes and others or act anything thereon.

6th. To see if the Town will sell, convey, or release to David Boutelle any portion of the land deeded by the said Boutelle to the Town for passage -

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ways leading from the new Brick School House to Summer Street or act anything thereon.

7th. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to name such Streets in the village as are not now named and such as may be accepted by the Town hereafter, or act anything thereon.

8th. To see if the Town will procure a Safe for the use of said town.

9th. To see what action the Town will take on an Order from the County Commissioners to build a new Road commencing near the house of Stillman Burnap and ending at Ashby line.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town Seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty Seven.

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Abel F. Adams	
John Caldwell	
Levi Downe	
Josiah Sheldon	

Worcester. fs. October 16.th 1847. I this day served the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same on each of the public meeting-

houses in the town of Fitchburg Seven days at least before the time of holding the within named meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town
Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg October 23. 1847. at 1. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant Recorded in this Book Page 460. the meeting was opened by reading Said Warrant, and acting on the first Article by

Article 1st. Choosing William Carleton Moderator.

Article 2d. Past over the 2^d Article.

Article 3d. The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out
Road by by by them on petition of Stephen McIntire and Oth-
Jesse McInt. ers was read and rejected by passing the Article over.
Rejected

Article 4th The Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Ivers Phillips and others (it being an alteration of a former location) was here read to the Town and on vote was accepted.

Alteration
of Road
in Rockville
See Page 446

The following is the Report.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows Beginning on the southerly side of the Road leading by the house of Charles Russell one foot north of the north west corner of a building now occupied as a Store near the Factory pond of Ivers Phillips, thence South $46\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ West six Rods and four links partly on a Town way, partly on the former location of said Road and partly on land of Ivers Phillips to a point one foot west of the Northwest corner of a Storehouse by the Factory of said Phillips, Thence South $23\frac{1}{2}$ West five Rods and nineteen links partly on the former location and partly on land of Ivers Phillips to land of Charles Russell, thence

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same course eight rods and Six links to a stake and Stones, Thence South $16\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ West five Rods to a stake

and Stones, thence South 5° west fifteen and a half Rods to a stake and Stones, thence South 12° East five and a half Rods to a stake and Stones thence South 30° East five Rods and three links to a Stake and Stones, thence South 48° East seven Rods to a pine Stump on the Easterly side of the former location of said Road, the last six lines are partly on said former location and partly on land of Charles Russell to be two and a half Rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of said course. And we have appraised the damages to owners of the land over which said way passes as follows: to Charles Russell the Sum of Seven dollars, and the said Ivers Phillips releases all damage for laying said way through his land, Which Said Road is hereby Reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way. Dated at Fitchburg this 15th day of October 1847.

Abel Thurston.	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel F. Adams.	
John Caldwell.	
Levi Downe.	
Josiah Sheldon.	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 5th

The Report of the Roads laid out by Old City School house was here read to the town and on vote being taken on the first described Road it was rejected whereupon the article by vote was passed over. Also the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Articles were passed over

Articles
6. 7. & 8.
Ashby Road

Art 9.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to let out and Superintend the making of the Road referred to in the 9. Article chose Josiah Sheldon, Ivers Phillips Samuel Shattuck Committee

All the articles in the warrant having been disposed of the Meeting was by vote Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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November 8.
Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting November 8.th 1847.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall, in Fitchburg, on Monday the eighth day of November next, it being the second Monday of said month, at nine of the clock, in the fore-noon, to bring in their votes, to the Selectmen, for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for five Senators, on one ballot, for the district of Worcester County, for the year ensuing.

2d.

To Choose a Representative to Represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next—

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel F. Adams	
John Caldwell	
Levi Downe	
Josiah Sheldon	

Worcester fs. Oct. 25. 1847.

I this day serve the within Warrant by posting up an attested copy of the same on each of the public meeting-houses in the town of Fitchburg fourteen days before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

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November 8th

Town Meeting November 8th 1847.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 8. 1847. at 9. o'clock A. M. Pursuant to the Warrant Recorded on the preceeding page the meeting was opened as above by Reading the Warrant, Selectmen presiding Votes were Recd, for Governor, Lt Governor, Senators, and Representative at the same time and were as follows.

Check List used as the Law directs.

Governor	For Governor.	Whole Number of Votes	637.
		George N. Briggs	had 274.
		Caleb Cushing	" 162.
		Francis Baylies	" 65.
		Samuel E. Sewell	" 136.
Lt. Governor	For Lieutenant Governor.	Whole Number of Votes	637.
		John Reed	had 274.
		Henry W. Cushman	" 162.
		Charles W. Moore	" 65.
		John M. Brewster	136.
Senators	For Senators.	Whole number of Votes	636.
		Nathan F Bryant	had 274.
		George Denny	" 274.
		Alfred D. Foster	" 274.
		Alanson Hamilton	" 273.
		John Brooks	" 267.
		Otis Adams	" 161.
		Francis Howe	" 161.
		Ivers Phillips	" 161.
		Seth Hapgood	" 161.
		Arnold Taft	" 161.
		James G. Carter	" 136.
		Thomas W. Ward	" 136.
		Charles Adams Jr	" 136.
		Gilman Jones	" 136.
		Edward B. Bigelow	" 136.
		William Sigourney	" 65.
		Elias M. Stillwell	" 65.
		Samuel Harrington	" 65.
		Nathan Waters	" 65.
		John F Gleason	" 65.
		Ebenezer Torrey	" 1.

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November 8. For Representative to General Court

Representative to
General
Court

Town Meeting November 8th 1847.

First Ballot. Whole number of Votes 492.

For choice 247

Nathaniel Wood had 159.

Joseph Upton Jr " 152.

John Caldwell " 117.

Josiah Sheldon " 60.

Goodwin Wood " 2.

Edwin Upton " 1.

No choice. Abel F. Adams " 1.

Second Ballot. Whole number of Votes 493. For choice 247.

Nathaniel Wood " 179.

Joseph Upton Jr " 147.

John Caldwell " 117.

No choice. Josiah Sheldon " 50.

Third Ballot. Whole number of Votes 470.

For choice 236.

Nathaniel Wood had 192.

Joseph Upton Jr " 122.

John Caldwell " 126.

Josiah Sheldon " 28.

John T. Farwell " 1.

No choice. Abel F. Adams " 1.

After the third Ballot for Representative the Town Voted not to ballot again at this meeting.

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to call a town meeting on the fourth Monday of this month for the purpose of choosing a Representative

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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November 22.

Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 22. 1847

Worcester. fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester. Greeting.—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the Town Hall, in

Fitchburg, on Monday, the twenty second day of November, instant, it being the fourth Monday of said month, at One O'clock, in the after noon, to choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court, to be held at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next. And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to ourselves at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this thirteenth day of November, in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Abel Thurston.	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel F. Adams.	
John Coldwell.	
Levi Downe.	

Worcester, fs. Nov. 13. 1847. I this day served the within Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same on each of the public Meeting-houses in the town of Fitchburg, seven days at least before the time of holding this meeting.

Stephen Shepley Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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November 22.

Town
Meeting.

Town Meeting November 22. 1847.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 22. 1847. at 1. O'clock P. M. A Town meeting was opened at the above time and place Pursuant to Warrant Recorded on the next preceeding page. Selectmen presiding, Check list used as the law directs, Votes were given in sorted, counted and declared for a Representative as follows.

Representa-
tive to the
General
Court.

First Ballot.

For Representative. Whole Number of Votes 450.

Necessary for a choise 226.

Nathaniel Wood had 210.

Joseph Upton Jr. " 119.

John Caldwell	"	117.
Isaiah Putnam	"	1.
Abel F. Adams	"	1.
Levi Downe	"	1.
Josiah Sheldon	"	1.

There being no choise on the first ballot it was moved not to send a Representative which motion did not prevail. Whereupon the town by vote proceeded to a Second Ballot.

For Representative.	Whole Number of Votes	421.
	Necessary to a choise	211.
	Nathaniel Wood had	224.
	John Coldwell	" 106.
	Joseph Upton Jr	" 88.
	Isaiah Putnam	" 1.
	Levi Downe	" 1.
	Abel F. Adams	" 1.

Chosen.

Honourable Nathaniel Wood was chosen to represent this Town in the next General Court.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1848.

March 6.
Warrant.

1848.

Warrant for March Meeting the 6.th day 1848.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County of Worcester, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st

To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art. 2d

To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

Art. 3d

To see if the town will choose their Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, or act anything respecting the collection of Taxes they may think proper.

Art. 4th. To hear the report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer, and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors, for the year past; and choose a committee for the same purpose for the ensuing year

Art. 5. To hear the report of their committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their workhouse and poor establishment, the year past; and choose a committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing.

Art. 6. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their High-ways, Town-ways, and Bridges, the year ensuing—determine the manner of laying out said money—fix the price of labor &c., on said roads.

Art. 7. To choose a Committee to take care of the Bridges the year ensuing.

Art. 8. To hear the report of their School Committee for the past year.

Art. 9. To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools for the ensuing year, including only the wages and board of teachers, and fuel for the schools; and act anything in regard to the expending and division of the same, they may think proper.

Art. 10. To see if the town will choose a Committee to keep their School Houses in repair the year ensuing, or act anything in regard to School Houses they think proper.

Art. 11 To see if the Town will purchase a piece of land and build a School House in District No. 1; and enlarge or rebuild

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March 6.

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the School House in District No. 3, and act anything in regard to building, purchasing or repairing School Houses in town the year ensuing, they think proper.

Article 12. To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing.

Article 13. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the bells for town purposes the year ensuing, and taking care of the Town Clock.

Article 14. To see if the town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle and Swine, from running at large within said town, the year ensuing.

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorise their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town, for the year ensuing.

Article 16. To choose a Committee to take charge of their Town House, the year ensuing, and act anything thereon they may think proper.

Article 17. To see if the town will authorize theirs Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor Farm, for one or more years, or act anything thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to take charge of, and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine Houses, and all the apparatus attached to them, belonging to the town.

Article 19. To see if the Town will build a New Engine House for Engine No. 2, and provide a lot for the same, and dispose of the old Engine House and lot, and act any thing in regard to said House and lot they think proper.

Article 20. To see if the Town will build Reservoirs for water, to be used in case of fire, in different parts of the Centre Village, or act anything thereon they think proper.

Article 21. To adopt such measures as they think proper, to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in town, in future, or act anything thereon they think proper.

Article 22. To see if the Town will accept of a road, as laid out by their Selectmen—petitioned for by Alpheus Boutell and others, and act anything thereon they think proper.

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Art. 23.

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To see if the Town will accept of a Road, as laid out by their selectmen, as petitioned for by Job S. Bigelow and others, and act anything thereon they think proper.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will accept of a road, as laid out by their Selectmen—petitioned for by Phineas S. Kimball and others, or act anything thereon.

Art. 25. To see if the town will discontinue a town way, commencing near the house of Joseph Scott, and ending at the road leading by Ebenezer Hutchinson's, near the house of Arthur Forister. Also a short piece of road leading from the same to the house of Farwell Nichols, or act anything thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will discontinue any part of High street road, and act thereon as they think proper.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will abate the tax set to the Universalist Society—or tax set to any other persons on the tax bill of 1847, or act any thing thereon.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money to cut down the hills on the highway, leading from the Poor Farm to the old turnpike, or act anything thereon.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to defend the town, in a suit commenced by Silas Pratt against the town or act anything thereon.

Art. 30. To hear the report of a Committee chosen to prepare a code of by-laws for the town, and the report of another Committee chosen at former meetings of the town, and act thereon as they think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

Abel Thurston	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Abel F. Adams	
John Caldwell	
Levi Downe	
Josiah Sheldon	

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Warrant—March 6. 1848.

Worcester fs. Feb. 21st 1848.

I have served the within warrant by posting an attested copy of the same on each of the public meeting houses in the town of Fitchburg fourteen days before the time of holding the within named meeting.

Stephen Shepley—Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

March
Meeting.
1848

Town Meeting March 6. 1848.

Town Hall Fitchburg March 6. 1848 at 9. O'clock A. M. March meeting was opened as above pursuant to the Warrant recorded in this book from Page 469. to 472. the warrant being read by the Clerk the meeting organized by Choosing Ivers Phillips Esqr Moderator.

Moderator.

Prayer by Revr Mr Trask.

Check list used in Election of Selectmen and Town Clerk as the law directs.

Article 1.
Town Clerk.

Chose. s. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk. who was sworn in open Town meeting by Ivers Phillips Esq the Moderator.

Oaths.

N. B. I hereby certify that I will prefix the letter s. to all names of persons elected to office of whome an Oath is by law required and who shall take the Oath required, before me in Open Town meeting on the day of their election and if sworn on any subsequent day I will prefix the day and Month on which each was sworn respectively, and also all officers appointed by the Selectmen during the year shall have the same prefix when sworn.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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March 6.
Article 1.
Selectmen.

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For Selectmen. Chose

s. John Caldwell.

s. Abel F. Adams.

s. Isaac B. Woodard.

s. Edwin Upton.

s. Stephen Shepley.

Assessors.

For Assessors. Chose
 s. Abel Thurston.
 s. Justin Stearns.
 s. John L. Joslin.

Overseers
of
Poor.

For Overseers of Poor. Chose
 Ivers Phillips.
 John Caldwell.
 Abel F. Adams.

Treasurer.

For Town Treasurer Chose
 s. Ebenezer Torrey.

Constables.

For Constables Chose
 s. Kilburn Harwood.
 Timothy S. Wilson.
 s. Ivers Phillips.
 s. Stephen Shepley.
 s. John Caldwell.
 Samuel M. Dole.

March 11. s. Charles Sawtell.
 s. Aaron F. Beaman.
 s. David F. McIntire.
 s. Edwin Upton.
 s. David H. Merriam.
 s. Joel Davis.

Committee
to Nominate
School Com.

Voted and chose David Boutell, Nathaniel Wood
 J. A. Marshall Abel Thurston and Abel F. Adams a
 Committee to nominate a list of persons to be sup-
 ported as school Committee & report at adjournment.

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Article 2.
County
Treasurer.
160 Votes.

March Meeting 1848.

The votes for County Treasurer were recd, sorted,
 Counted, and declared as follows.

The whole number of votes cast was 160. all of
 which were for Anthany Chase.

Adjourned
from 12. to 1.
For Dinner.

At 12. O'clock the meeting adjourned for one hour
 At 1. O'clock P. M. the meeting was again opened.

Article 1.
Fence
Viewers.

For Fence Viewers Chose
 s. Isaac B. Woodard.
 s. Joseph Upton.
 s. Abel Marshall.
 s. Samuel Hawes.
 s. Loring Wheeler.

Field
Drivers.

For Field Drivers Chose
Willard Harris.
s. Edward Aldrich.
s. Stephen McIntire.
s. Alden P. Churchill.
Daniel Virgil.

Surveyors
of
Lumber.

For Surveyors of Lumber Chose
s. Abijah Hartwell.
s. Tylor Younglove.
s. Edwin Upton.
Arnold Wilson.

Sealers of
Leather.

For Sealers of Leather Chose
s. Charles Sawtelle.
s. John Caldwell.

Pound
Keeper.

For Pound Keeper Chose
Silas Hosmer.
Voted not to choose Tything Men.

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March 6.
Fire Wards.

March Meeting 1848.
For Fire Wards Chose.
Alpheus Kimball.
Jonas A. Marshall.
Josiah Sheldon.
John Prichard.
Ebenezer Torrey.
Robert L. Frair.
John Coldwell.
Ivers Phillips.
Abel Simonds.
Alvah Crocker.
Amos Durant.
John H. Wheeler.
Timothy S. Wilson
Charles Sawtell.
David F. McIntire.
Chedorlaomer Marshall.
David Bowtelle.
John Clark.

Measurers of Wood and Bark to be appointed by
Selectmen.

Cullers of
Hoops and
Staves.

For Cullers of Hoops & Staves Chose
s. Jesse Batchellor.
s. Jeremiah Kinsman Jr.

Highway Surveyors put over to adjournment Selectmen to report a list to be chosen.

Article 3.

Voted not to choose our Treasurer Collector of Taxes the year ensuing. the 2^d part of the third Article postponed for the present.

Article 4th

The Committee chosen at the last March meeting to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the

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1848.

Report on
Treasury
Town Debt.
\$20,846.57.

March Meeting 1848.

Accants of the Selectmen here made their Report which was Read & Accepted whereby it appears that the balance against the Town is the sum of
\$20.846.57.

Committee
on
Treasurer,
&c.

For Committee to settle with Treasurer and inspect the Acpts of Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing Chose David Boutelle.
William Carleton.
Abel Simonds.

Article 5.

The fifth Article past to adjournment.

Article 6.
Highways
&
Bridges.
\$3000.

For the Support of Highways and Bridges to be laid out as last year as to price of labour &c Raised Three Thousand Dollars.

Article 7.
Bridge
Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be bridge Committee for the year ensuing.

Article 8.

Passed the eighth Article to Adjournment.

Article 9
\$2400.
for
Schools

For the Support of Schools as mentioned in this ninth Article of Warrant the Town voted to Raise Twenty Four Hundred Dollars to be divided One hundred Dollars to each District as last year and the remainder and the money received from State School Fund to be divided by a Committee of five—For said Committee Chose

Committee
to divide
School
Money.

David Boutelle.
Isaac B. Woodard.
Isaiah Putnam.
Ivers Phillips.
Nathaniel Wood.

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March Meeting 1848.

Article 10.
School
Houses
to Keep in
Repair.

Voted that the School Committee take charge of the Several School Houses in town and keep the same in repair the year ensuing

Article 11.
School
Houses for
Districts
Nos 1. & 3.

Voted that the whole Subject mater of the eleventh Article be refered to a committee and report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting Chose for said Committee

Ivers Phillips.

Abel F. Adams.

Chedorlaomer Marshall.

Ebenezer Torrey.

Abel Thurston.

Articl 12.
Town
Charges
\$13.000.

Voted to Raise for necessary Town Charges the year ensuing the Sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13.000.)

Article. 3.

Voted that the Collection of Taxes be let out to the lowest bidder on the same conditions as last year and they were taken by Isaac B. Woodard at two

Taxes to
Collect at
2. pr. cent.

dollars on the hundred Dollars—Mr Woodard offered for the towns acceptance David Boutelle and William

Article 1.
Collector.

Carleton as his bondsmen who were accepted by the town—whereupon the Town Chose (s.) Isaac B. Woodard Collector.

Article 13
Bell & Clock.

The Ringing of Bell and Care of Town Clock re-
ferred to Selectmen.

Article 14
Horses &c
Restrained.

Voted that horses neat cattle & Swine be re-
strained from running at large the year ensuing.

Art 15.
Treasurer
to borrow
Money.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorised to hire
money for the use of the town the year ensuing.

Art. 16.
Town House.

Voted that the Selectmen take charge of the
Town House the year ensuing.

Art. 17.
Poor Farm.

Voted to authorize the Overseers to contract with
some suitable person to take charge of Poor Farm
for one or more years.

Art. 18.

Voted to choose a committee to take charge of
and keep in repair all the Engines, Houses, for the
same and all fire apparatus belonging to the Town.

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Engine Com

March Meeting 1848.

For Engine Committee Chose Abijah Hartwell.

John Caldwell.

Abram S. Dole.

Alpheus Kimball.

Article 19.
Engine House
No. 2.

The subject of the nineteenth Ar. refered to Engine committee to report at adjournment.

Article 20.
Reservoirs.

This article the Subject of building Reservoirs for water &c was refered to the above committee to consider and report thereon at adjournment.

Article 21.
License
Violation.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorised to prosecute any violation of the License Law which may come to their knowledge at the expense of the Towne

Art 22.
Road
rejected.

Report on Petition of Alpheus Bontelle and others for a Road was read and on vote was rejected by passing over the Article.

Article 23.
Road on
petition of
Job S.
Bigelow.

Voted that the Road petitioned for by Jobe S. Bigelow and others be accepted when the same shall be made to the acceptance of the Selectmen I shall not record this location until notice shall be given that the Selectmen have accepted said Road.

Art 24
Road by
Phineas S
Kimballs

Road Report on petition of Phineas S. Kimball read and on account of Mr Daniel Tuttle being Sick the subject was by consent of the petitioner pospond to adjournment

Art 25.
Scott Road.

Scott Road—This the twenty fifth Article was refered to Selectmen to report thereon at some future meeting.

Article 26.
High St.

Voted to discontinue that part of High Street which lies East of the location Accepted May 15. 1847.

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Article 27
Taxes
Abated.

March Meeting 1848.

The Town voted to abate the following Taxes viz
Tax set to Universalist Society 1847 Tax Bill in part Ten Dollars (\$10.00)

Andrew J. Twitchell's Tax

Andrew P. Conant Tax on Mill & privilege

Mrs Hudsons Tax and

Samuel Putnams Tax all on Tax bill of 1847.

Art 28

Voted to pafs over the twenty eighth Article.

Art 29. Voted to choose an Agent to defend against the
Agent to suit of Silas Pratt vs Town of Fitchburg Chose Wil-
Defend ag liam Carleton Agent.
Silas Pratt.

Art 30 Article 30 put over to adjournment.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April
next at 1. o'clock P. M. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Adjournment Town Hall Fitchburg April 3^d 1848. at 1. o'clock
of March P. M. Pursuant to adjournment the March meeting
Meeting April 3. 1848 was opened by the moderator

Article 1. For Highway Surveyors Chose the following per-

sons viz June 21. s. Samuel A. Wheeler.
High-Way June 29. s. David D. McIntire.
Surveyors s. Charles Farbanks.

s. Nathan Upham.

June 21. s. Edward Smith.
s. Alpheus Boutelle.

June 29. s. Abel Kenney.
s. Farwell Nichols.
s. James L. Haynes.

June 19. s. John Smith.
(Left Town)—Joseph Gibson.

May 18. s. Sabin Woodbury.

June 19. s. Joel Page Jr.

June 24. s. James Parkhurst.

June 8. s. Josiah Caswell.

s. Samuel Sheldon.

s. Emmons Stockwell.

s. William Bemis.

s. John Andrews.

s. Jonathan Whitman.

s. Natt. Cowdin.

s. Joseph Upton Jr.

s. Samuel S. Crocker.

June 22. s. Charles H. Lawrence.

June 22. s. Alpheus Kimball.

June 30. s. James McIntire.

April 20. s. Daniel Lowe.

s. David Boutelle.

s. Levi Downe.

May 10. s. Samuel M. Dole.

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April 3.
Article 1.
School
Committee.

March Meeting Adjournment April 3^d 1848.

For School Committee Chose Ivers Phillips.
Milton Whitney.
John L. Chandler.
Thornton K. Ware.
Asa Farwell.

Article 5th.
Poor
Expenses for.

The Committee to ascertain the expense of Our Poor House for the past year here made their Report which was read & accepted. Whole expense of Poor for the year \$1262.84.

On Farm \$797.53. Away from Farm \$465.31.

Committee
on Poor
Farm &c.

Chose for Committee for the year ensuing to ascertain the expenses of the Poor Establishment

Abel Stevens.
William Carleton.
Levi Downe. Committee

Article 8.
School Com.
Report.

The Report of School Committee was here presented to the Town which was printed and ready for distribution so the Town voted to dispense with the reading of said Report.

Article 11.
School
Houses in
Districts
Nos 1. & 3.
&c

The following Report on the subject of the 11.th Article was here read to the Town.

Report.

We the subscribers a Committee to whome was refered the whole subject matter of the Eleventh Article in the Warrant for the annual March meeting for the year 1848. have attended to that duty and now offer the following Report.

We learne from statistics prepared by the School Committee that there were on the first day of last May 1045. children in town between the ages of 4. and 16. & that 632. of them resided in District No 1. We have also ascertained that ten hundred and twenty two scholars of all ages attended school in town last winter that

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five hundred and ninty three of them belonged to & attended school in District No 1. and that about one

hundred schollars in said District of a proper age to go to school & who did go to private schools did not attend the common School and it is presumed the principal reason was they could not be accommodated there. We have also ascertained that about \$1800 have been paid during the last year for private tuition in this district, a small portion of it by Scholars from other towns. It appears from the above statements that about two thirds of all the scholars in town between the ages of 4. & 16. belong to this District & that there are seven hundred scholars who have a right to be accommodated in this District with suitable rooms in which to attend school. There are now in the District seven School Rooms, one to one hundred scholars (or reckoning sixty scholars to a school) enough to accommodate four hundred and twenty scholars. From this statement of facts it appears to be absolutely necessary that the Town should provide more School Rooms for the use of this District. We have examined "the Academy" lot and building and ascertained that the estate can probably be bought for \$2200. We think the location a good one for a school House & that it is this part of the District where one is most needed. There is more land than would be needed but it is saleable—the building needs some repairs and alterations. We think if the estate can be bought for \$2200. land enough may be sold off to amount to a sum sufficient to pay for puting this house in good condition for schools & still have land left sufficient to build another School house upon when it becomes necessary to do so—We there fore recommend to the Town to choose a committee & authorise them to purchase said estate (if it can be had for that sum) receive a Deed for the same & also

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Authorise to sell such parts as are not needed for school purposes & give Deeds of & receive pay for

the same & put the house in proper condition to be occupied for District schools.

District
No 3.

In District No. 3. the House is not large enough for the school; but as the contemplated Fitchburg & Worcester Rail Road may pass so near the present School House as to render the present location an unsuitable one: We recommend to the town to take no farther action concerning a School House in that District until something more definite is ascertained about the location of said Rail Road.

Ivers Phillips	}	Committee
E. Torrey		
Abel F. Adams		
Abel Thurston		
C. Marshall		

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Voted to accept the above Report and adopt the recommendations therein contained,

Chose for a Committee to cary the same into effect

Ebenezer Torrey.
David Boutelle.
Chedorlaomer Marshall.
John Prichard.
Justin Stearns.

Art 19.

The committee on the subject of this Article the 19. of the Warrant made the following

Engine
House No 2.
Old City.

Report—Your Committee recommend that the town build a new Engine House and that they choose a Committee with full power to sell the Old house and lot provided they can sell the same and purchase

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a new lot. if not to build a house on the same to conform with the lot which the Town now own.

A. Hartwell.	}	Engine Committee
Alpheus Kimball.		
John Caldwell.		
Abram S. Dole.		

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Committee
to build
Engle house
No 2.

The above Report having been read it was voted
to accept it and adopt the recommendations of the
report Voted that

Abijah Hartwell

Alpheus Kimball

Abram S. Dole be a com-
mittee to carry into effect the above Report

Article 20

The Report of the Committee on the subject of this
article (Reservoirs) was read and on vote rejected and
the Article past over by vote.

Art 24

Passed over.

Art 25.
Scott Road.
Discontinued
in part
See Book 9
Page 14.

The Selectmen made a Report on the subject of the
25 Article and in favour of discontinuing the whole of
said Road whereupon the Town voted to discontinue
the Ould Road from the House of Joseph T. Scott to
where it is intersected by the Road leading from the
house of Farwell Nicholds to said Scott Road. (See
Book 9, Page 14, where the remainder was Discon-
tinued to the road leading to Ebenzer Hutchinson
April 1, 1850—J. A. M. T. Clerk)

Art 1.
Overseer
of Poor.

Ivers Phillips here declined or requested to be
excused from serving as an Overseer of the Poor and
on voted he was excused wereupon the town voted
and Chose Hon Joseph W. Mansur in pace of Ivers
Phillips Esq excused as an overseer of poor.

Art 6.
\$500. on
Road from
Leominster
to
Westminster

Votd to recommend to the Assessors to apply the
extry five hundred Dollars raised for Highways on
the Road from Leominster to Westminster through
the Village and by the house of Samuel S. Crocker.

Dissolved

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant
April 3d.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 3^d 1848

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the
Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachu-
setts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of
the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections

and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg, on Monday the third day of April next, at three O'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 2d To see if the Town will empower their Highway Surveyors to collect all such Taxes as shall not be paid in labour or otherwise, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.
- 3d To see if the Town will appropriate any part of the School money already raised, as petitioned for by Samuel S. Crocker and others, or act any thing thereon they may think proper.
- 4th. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum or sums of Money for building or repairing Sidewalks in School District No. 1. or act any thing thereon they may think proper.
- 5th To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen commencing on Summer St. and ending near the Brick School House in the Old City, as petitioned for by Benjamin Snow and others.
- And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public

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Warrant

Fitchburg April 3^d 1848. Warrant Continued

Meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Caldwell	
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	

Worcester, fs: Town of Fitchburg April 3^d 1848.
Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the

Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town nine days before the time set for said meeting.

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg
 Fees 6 Copies of two pages each \$1.44
 Travel 2 miles 0.08

 \$1.52.

Attest. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1848.
 Town
 Meeting
 April 3.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 3^d 1848. at 3. O'clock, P. M. A Town Meeting was opened as above pursuant to the warrant Recorded in this Book Pages 484 & 485. the warrant was Read by the Town Clerk, and the Meeting was organized by Choosing under the 1st Article in the Warrant Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator.

Article 1st.

Article 2d
 Highway
 Surveyors
 made
 Collectors.

Voted that the Highway Surveyors be empowered to collect all such Taxes as shall not be paid in labour.

Article 3.

Past over the third article by vote.

Article 4.

Past over the forth article by vote.

Article 5.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on the petition of Benj Snow and others was here read to the Town and rejected by Voting to pafs over the fifth Article.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

1848.

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen 1848

Officers ap-
 by
 Selectmen
 March 28.

The Selectmen of Fitchburg at a meeting held this day for that purpose hereby appoint the following persons as measurers of Wood and Bark in said Town for the year ensuing.

Measurers
of
Wood & Bark.

April 14. s. Ebenezer Ball.
 April 17. s. John L. Joslin.
 April 22 s. Abel Simonds.
 July 12. s. Alfred R. Ordway.
 April 15. s. William Sandin.
 April 17. s. John Sawyer.
 March 29. s. Joseph Willard.
 Waldo Wallace.
 March 28. 1848. Loring Wheeler.
 Abel F. Adams
 John Caldwell
 Stephen Shepley
 Isaac B. Woodward
 Edwin Upton
 } Selectmen
 } of
 } Fitchburg
 Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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April 15.

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg.

Sealer of
Weights &
Measures

Fitchburg April 15. 1848. The Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg hereby appoints Abijah Hartwell to be Surveyor of Weights and Measures during the present year.

Abel F. Adams.
 John Caldwell.
 Isaac B. Woodward.
 Stephen Shepley.
 } Selectmen
 } of
 } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Then personally appeared Abijah Hartwell and took the oath required by law as a sealer of Weights and Measures on this 16th day of May 1848. before me
 J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Special
Constable
Appointed
July 1848.

The Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg hereby appoint Alpheus Porter Kimball to be Special Constable within said Town from the third day of July 1848, to the twelfth day of the same July and shall for the time being have and exercise the same powers as other Constables of Fitchburg.

Abel F. Adams.
 John Caldwell.
 Isaac B. Woodward.
 Edwin Upton.
 Stephen Shepley.
 } Selectmen
 } of
 } Fitchburg

Fitchburg July 1. 1848.

July 3^d 1848. Then personally appeared the above named Alpheus Porter Kimball and took the Oath required by Law to be taken by a Constable.

Before me J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Measurer
of
Wood &
Bark.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have this day appointed Joseph Peirce to be a Measurer of Wood and Bark until April 1st 1848.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Caldwell	
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	

Sworn October 20. 1848. by

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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May
Roll of our
Militia
Company
No 698.

The following is a list of all the names of persons liable to be enrolled in the Militia who were residents of Fitchburg on the first day of May 1848.

Charles H. Raymond	Albert J. Spooner
Eli W. Raymond	Lorenzo Stearns
Calvin D. Reed	Jeremiah Stuart
Otis Rider	George O. Stickney
Henry O Rockwell	John C. Stimpson
Charles Russell	Avery Stockwell
Dwight Sackett	Loriston Stockwell
Benj ⁿ Safford	Charles Sylvester
Roby R. Safford	Daniel Taylor
Jabez Sawyer	William E. Taylor
Joseph T. Scott	William Thurston
James D. Searle	Thomas B. Thurston
Clark Simonds	Lysander S. Upham
Micah Shattuck	Volney B. Wait
Simeon Shattuck	Luke D. Walton
Samuel B Smith	Alfred M. Wheeler
John Smith	James B. Wheeler
Edward T. Smith	Simon Whitney
Charles A. Shurteff	Ethanan Whitney
Reuben Smith	James Whitney
John H. Sperling	Richard Wise

~ Farrington Works	John Hartwell
Winchester Wyman	Henry W. Haskell
John B. Palmer	Samuel Hawes
John Page	Almer C. Hilton
Moses G. Parker	Marquis L. Hoblin
William Park	Silas Hosmer
Lincoln Parkhurst	Sewell Hosmer
Otis Parmenter	Addison Hubbard
David Parker	Nathan Hudson
Harrison Perkins	George Hudson 2 ^d
Asa Partridge	Edwin Jackson
Oren Partridge	Samuel Jones
Moses Perkins Jr.	Lorin Kendall
Alonzo Phelps	Franklin Kemball
James Phelps	Charles Kinsman
Thomas Pennamon	Lorenzo Kinsman
Francis Philips	Edwin Lamb
Horace Platt	Uriah Lawrence
Albert T. Pierce	Freeborn Lawrence
Charles Pratt	Silas Lawrence
Benjamin Prentiss	Joseph Leavitt Jr.
George M. Polley	Levi Lewis Jr.
Joseph B. Polley	Amos Lewis
Ralph S. Gordon	Emerson Lewis
Samuel Hale 2 ^d	James W. Leverett
William H. Hale	Charles Livermore
John M. Harris	Daniel Lovejoy
Gordis D. Harris	James B. Lord
James Hartwell	Calvin Lowe
Leonard Hartwell	Joseph Lowe

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John Lowe	Albert G. Page
Samuel H. Lowe	Joel Page Jr.
John Lusk	John Page
William Mack	David M. Parker
Abel Marshall	Charles Parker
Luther Maynard	Wm. C. Pease
Jed. Mayo	Selah Perham
Isaiah Mc.Intire	Wm. B. Phelps
Levi Mc.Intire	Henry Philips
Lyman Mc.Intire	George Polly
Stephen Mc.Intire	James Pierce
Mc.Intire	Joseph Pierce
Daniel Messenger	Otis Prescott
Daniel E. Messenger	James P. Putnam

Rodney Farwell
Gardner Farrar
Charles Fisk
Clark Fisher
William B Flagg
Samuel Foster
Job S. Foster
Charles Gerry
George Gerry
Jesse Gibbs
Charles Giffin
James Goodale
Francis Gould
Roswell Graham
Marshall Grant
William Griswold
George W. Hagar
Mason A. Harrington
Dexter Hanshaw
Caleb Harding
Levi Harris Jr.
Daniel Harrington
Jacob Haskell
Jonas Holden
Henry J. Holden
Ira Holt
Albert C. Houghton
Ezra D. Hoyt
Leonard E. Howland
Elijah A. Huntley
Lysander B. Jaquith
John P. Jaquith
Newell Johnson
William Jewett
Henry Kibling
Jeremiah Kinsman Jr.
Lemuel Lakin
Luther Lakin
Jonas Lawrence
Thomas Leshare
John C. Leavitt
David G. Lillis
George W. Lillis
Edward Lock
Quincy Lynch
Edward Mahan
William Mathews

Horace Moffitt
Charles Nash
Franklin McIntire
Harvey Mead
Wm. F. Merriam
Wm. S. Nerritt
Jacob Miller
John Morey
S. O. Mowry
Daniel Moulton
Arrison J. Munroe
Porter Monroe
Charles Nickson
Perez Newell
Wm. A. Nourse
George Nutting
David B. Ordway
William H. Orcott
Abram Osborn 2^d
John L. French
Gilman S. Frost
Charles Fullum
Barnard Fuller
Dana Garfield
George S. Gates
Ira T. Gleason
Robert L. Goddard
George Goddard
Joseph H. Goodale
Silas H. Goodnow
Francis Gould
Daniel S. Goodwin
Asher Green
Sumner Hale
Henry Hale
Seth B. Hall
J. J. Hardon
Willard Harris
George H. Hartwell
Joel Hartwell
Leonard B. Hartwell
O. L. Haskell
Silas Hastings
Francis Hastings
E. C. Hayden
William H. Hayes
Calvin Hewitt

Stephen Holman
Franklin Holland
Edwin Holmes
Peter B. Howard

George Hudson
Joel E. Hunt
George W. Huey

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Caleb W. Jaquith
Stilman Jackson
Martin Johnson
Charles Johnson
John L. Joslin
William Johnson
Lorin Joslin
George A. Kendall
John Kilburn
Albert Kitridge
William Kilgore
Charles Lamb
James B. Lane
Lafayette Laraba
Henry L. Lawrence
William W. Leath
Aaron K. Litch
James D. Litchfield
Rufus Litchfield
Elias Lathrop
Theodore Locke
B. F. Lyon
Moses G. Lyon
Daniel P. Mann
Samuel Marble
Joseph Marshall
Moses Marshall
William Marshall
Henry Maynard
Elmer Mason
Charles Mason
George L. Adams
George F. Adams
N. B. Agar
Charles Alden
George Alley
Lucius Aldrich
Rufus Anderson
Timothy Ames
John M. Atherton

E. F. Bailey
G. F. Bailey
Well R. Bardwell
Guy Bardwell
Flavil Barnes
Porter J. Barton
Charles D. Barrett
David Battles
Aaron F. Beaman
Alvah A. Beckwith
Levi L. Bennett
Charles H. Benton
Charles J. Billings
Lovell Blood
E. S. Bowditch
Horace S. Bowman
David C. Brick
Jerome S. Brick
Joseph Brick
Josiah D. Brown
William Brown
George Brown
Charles A. Bullock
George Burpee
Francis Buttrick
Thomas C. Caldwell
George H. Carter
D. M. Carpenter
Josiah Chapin
Parker Chapin
John Clark
Samuel H. Colburn
James M. Collier
Wm. E. Cole
Andrew P. Conant
Charles F. Conant
William Crosby
Charles Crosby
Dexter Cane
Gilbert Curtis

Artemas Cutler	Dexter Farwell
James R. Davis	William Farnsworth
Calvin W. Deputrin	Levi G. Fessenden
Charles Derby Jr.	Edwin Fletcher
W. S. B. Drew	Thomas P. Flint
Charles B. Dupee	Hosea B. Aldrich
William Dawton	Joseph Alland
John Eaton	Charles Arnold
Daniel Emory	Benjamin Arnold
Henry W. Eddy	William Atherton
Francis Estabrook	John L. Atherton
Joseph Fairbanks	J. T. Atwood
Charles A. Fairbanks	Walton Ball
Asa Farwell	Eleazer R. Baker
Jonathan Farnsworth 2 ^d	William T. Bardeen
Warren Farrar	Thomas Barker
Levi Farnsworth	

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Lorenzo L. Barnes	Charles Collings
Leander Bartlett	Colburn Smith
George Bartlett	Colburn Franklin
Charles Battles	Samuel Corser
Samuel Battles	George A. Corser
Jerome Beal	Gabriel D. Crise
Alfred Beckwith	Anson Crawford
Joseph Bemis	Charles P. Crossman
Daniel Bemis	Amory W. Crossman
Samuel S. Bennett	Stephen H. Crossman
John Billings	E. W. Cutler
Levi M. Blanchard	Daniel Danforth
Dennis Blood	William L. Davis
Daniel Blood	Otis Davis
John Boutell	Sumner Davis
Davis C. Bowker	Franklin H. Damon
Alfred H. Brick	Stephen Davenport
Alfred Bridges	William Derby
Alanson C. Brown	Addison Davis
Samuel Burnap	John Derby
Orris Camp	Abel Derby
Samuel Carter	Joseph Derby
Francis Chase	Fitch Downe
Moses Chase	William C. Ellick
Amos Chatman	Merrill Elliot
William Clifford	Frederic A. Emory
Joseph Cobb	Henry Emory

Eliakim Estabrooks	C. F. Burnap
James H. Estess	Charles Carter
George G. Fales	Israel N Carter
Thomas Farnsworth	Elijah S. Carter
Henry Farr	Alonzo O. Carter
Levi Farwell	George H. Carter
Edward Aldrich	Josiah W. Caswell
Artemas F Andrews	Hosea M. Caswell
Daniel Andrews	Stephen Caswell
Alonzo Andrews	Nathan Caswell
Lysander Andrews	Josiah Chase
Leander Andrews	Ira G. Childs
Edward Atkinson	S. Austin Childs
William E. Arnold	Natt Cowdin
Austin Sawyer	Horace C. Crehore
Joseph Baldwin	Ira E. Cutler
Lyman Baker	James Cutler
William Barron	John Dasey
Elisha N. Bigelow	Chancey Day
Charles Billings	John L. Davis
Silas P. Billings	Alonzo Davis
George Blanchard	Elijah L. Davis
Luther Blanchard	Andrew J. Dean
Cornelius Bogert	Charles P. Dean
Sumner D. Boynton	David Daniels
Amos Brown Jr	George W. Dewitt
Elisha Brown	Amos J. Durant
Jacob Brown	William F. Durant
Porter Brown	

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David H. Eager	Lemuel W. Gibson
Daniel S. Eaton	Reuben Gibson
John Ervin	Thomas Gibson
Roswell Evans	George Stevens
Samuel Farwell	Marreton Upton
Salathiel W. Farmer	James Hatheway
Charles S. Farrar	Edmund Carter
Jabez Flint	Henry A Spooner
Stearns A. Fitts	Henry C. Adams
Arthur Forrester	Cyrus Farrar
Elisha B. Foster	John G. Henry
John Garfield	Theodore Whitney
Arrington Gibson	D. Waterman Tuttle
Jacob Gibson	Samuel Durant
J. Kinsman Gibson	George Gilcrest

Edwin H. Johnson	David Fuller
James Hathaway	George Boynton
Nathan L. Pratt	Ransalier Wright
Albert Hopkins	Ezekiel Pike
Clark C. Simonds	Benj ⁿ H. Conant
Franklin Hutchinson	Joseph Plumer
William Field	John Wright
William Barns	John Burrill
John Mason Harris	Jason Hudson
Amos Orsborn	Levi Crosby
David S. Lowe	Lorenzo S. Prescott
Jacob Polley	Alexander Prescott
Amos S. Hilton	William M. Pride
Benjamin Hartwell	Henry H. Priest
Dolphus Chaplain	Sullivan G. Proctor
Elbridge Hosmore	Benjamin S. Proctor
Albertus Hosmore	John B. Proctor
George Gordon	George Reed
John Kneeland	David Richardson
Almanza Carter	Ira Ricker
John Eaton	Horace Rice
Stephen Piper	Elbridge Rice
Perez S. Wood	Roland Rice
John Hill	Horace R. Rice
Charles Fisher	Robert G. Parker
Edmund French	Cyrus Robinson
James M. Lakin	John Rouch
Benjamin F. Eddy	David Rouch
George W. Lawrence	Francis Russell
Henry Ames	Leonard C. Sandborn
Uriah Harris	Samuel Sanders
J. D. Morse	Charles Sanders
C. A. Crandall	Augustus Sawyer
Horace Hill	Henry E. Sawyer
Charles Fisher	

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Andrew J. Sawyer	Benj ⁿ Snow Jr.
John A. Scott	Z. P. Spaulding
John P. Sheldon	John Start
Hugh L. Shaw	Orville Stiles
Simun Sherman	Joseph E. Story
Stephen Shepley	Moses E. Storer
Orrison Sawin	John Sweeney
William P. Smith	Isaac D. Wilson
Leonard Smith	Elliot Wood
Rufus P. Smith	Goodwin Wood

Cyrus Wood	Vanderford Carter
Timothy Wood	James Walker
John S Woods	Waldo Wallace
Edwin A. Woods	David E. Ware
Edwin Works	Asa E. Webster
William Young	Benjamin S. Weld
Tyler Younglove	Clark S. West
Elisha Withington	Leavett West
Otis Ryder	Benj ⁿ F. Wheeler
Joseph Maynard	Hiram Wilcomb
George H Boss	Lysander Whitney
E. B. Rockwood	Stephen Whitney
A. J. Norcross	George Wilder
William F. Day	Edwin Wilder
Henry K Richardson	John Wilkins
Solon Bemis	Charles Willard
Charles Blanchard	Alonzo Williams
Hale W. Page	Sewall Williams
Charles Parker	Stephen Woodson
Franklin Philips	William Gibbs
Calvin Pierce	Edwin S. Taylor
Edward Pool	James W. Gardner
Barney Pratt	Rufus Carter
Franklin Priest	H. T. Kenney
Ricker Ira	Wm. F. Mathers
Chaney D. Randall	Charles H. Titcomb
Silas Rice	Appleton Oakes
Isaac Ripley	Leander Morton
Samuel Roberts	William H. Taylor
William Sampson	Abel L. Thurston
Sandford Sawyer	Charles T. Thurston
William Shattuck	George Tilden
Levi Sherwin	Oliver S. Tilden
Lucius Smith	Samuel W. Tileston
L. G. Spencer	Richard H. Torrey
Solon Spooner	William Tyler
Ruel F. Stevens	Benjamin P. Tyler
Lucius A. Tenny	Lewis G. Tuttle
Charles Titcomb	Albert Upton
Frederic L. Torrey	Charles Upton
William Turner	Warren C. Upton
John M. Twitchel	Horace Vinton
Seth Twitchell	Samuel Walton

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Daniel S. Walters	George Wait
Thornton K. Ware	George P. Warren

Wm. W. Wheeler	Josiah B. Willard
Almond Wheeler	Francis E. Williams
John H. Wheeler	Calvin Lincoln 3 ^d
Philip M. Wheeler	Arnold Wilson
Charles Whittimore	Charles N. Wilson
George Whittimore	Joseph Wilson
John R Whitecomb	William Winch
David C Whitecomb	Ira Younglove
J. Andrew Whitecomb	James S. Vanderford
Luther J. Whitcomb	George Farrar
Nathan Whitecomb	George R. Mansfield
George L Whitecomb	Dennis Blood
Alonzo Whitman	Elbridge Smith
James Whitman	David J. Jaquith
Andrew Whitney	Elisha Bickford
Jonas Whitney	Joseph Sanders
Joseph B. Willard	John Parmeter

Fitchburg May 29th 1848.

Abel Thurston } Assessors
Justin Stearns } of
John L. Joslin } Fitchburg.

Whole No. Enrolled 698.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

[495] Warrant for Town Meeting August 3. 1848.

Warrant
August, 1848. Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid *Greeting*. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Saturday the nineteenth day of August current at 3. o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To see if the Town will discontinue a certain piece of Road near the Stone Mill as petitioned for by Joseph Davenport and others or act anything thereon.
- 3d. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the support of a High School agreeable to the Statute in such cases made and provided or act any thing thereon.

4th. To see if the town will dispose of the Old Engine formally called No. 2. or act any thing thereon.

5th. To see if the Town will petition the County Commissioners to establish the bounds of certain Roads in Town or act any thing thereon.

6th To see what action the town will take upon the order of notice issued by the County Commissioners, upon the petition of the Vt. and Mass. Rail Road Co. Also upon the order of notice issued by the same, upon the petition of the Fitchburg and Worcester Rail Road Company.

7th To hear the Report of a Committee chosen to prepare a Code of By Laws for the use of the Town.

8th To see if the Town will change the name of Academy Street and direct their Selectmen to put up boards at the corners of the Several Streets in the Village designating the names of said Streets or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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1848.
August. 19.

Warrant Continued from last Page

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this fifth day of August in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Abel F. Adams.	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
John Caldwell.	
Isaac B. Woodward.	
Edwin Upton.	
Stephen Shepley.	

Worcester. fs. Town of Fitchburg August 5th 1848.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested

copies of this Warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting. D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg

Fees 6. Copies of 2 pages each \$1.44.

Travel 2 Miles 8.

\$1.52

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1848.
Town
Meeting
August 19.

Town Meeting August 19. 1848.

Town Hall Fitchburg August 19th 1848. at 3. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened by Reading said Warrant at the above time and place and duly Organized by Choosing Ivers Phillips Esq moderator under the first Article in the warrant.

Article 1.
Moderator.

The following petition was then read to the Town

Petition for Discontinuance of Road

Article 2.
Road by
Burbank
house Dis-
continued
in part.

"To the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg—The undersigned Legal Voters in the Town of Fitchburg petition your board to discontinue so much of the Road (which was laid out and established by the town on the second day of November A. D. 1818.) as lies South and East of the Railroad track near the house formally owned by Gen^l Leonard Burbank now by the Vermont and Massachusetts Railway Company as per plan, See same. The description of the whole of said Road or private way is as follows: Beginning at a Stone set in the ground near said Burbank house on the Road leading to the Bridge, from thence East 32° South forty Rods to a stone in the ground, said road being laid out two rods wide. Fitchburg June 29.th 1848"

The above petition was signed by Joseph Davenport and ten others. After the above petition had been read and the plan of the same exhibited (which is on file with the petition) it was voted that so much of said Road as lies South & East of the Railroad track as set forth in said petition be Discontinued.

Article 3d
High
School

On the subject of a High School Voted not to appropriate any money, at this time, for a High School and the Article, was further disposed of by voting that tlfe same be indefinately posponed.

Article 4
Old. Engine
No 2.

Old Engine No 2. Voted that the Engine Committee be authorized to sell said Engine or to locate the same in any other part of the town as they think proper.

Article 5th

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to petition

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Town Meeting August 19. 1848

1848.

To establish
bounds
of Roads.

the County Commissioners to locate and establish the bounds of any Road or Roads in the Town of Fitchburg they may think necessary to have so established.

Article 6th
Rail Roads
Vt. & Mafs.
&
Fitchburg &
Worcester
Orders of
Notice
Concerning

On Orders of Notice of County Commissioners on petition of Vt. & Mafs Railroad and of Fitchburg and Worcester Rail Road Companies

Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to attend to the Subject matter contained in the sixth Article in the warrant.

Article 7
By Laws.

The Committee Chosen to prepare a code of By Laws for the use of the Town here presented their Report. Voted that the Rebort of by Laws be re-committed with orders to have the same printed (1200 copies) and distributed to the inhabitants.

Article 8

Streets
Signs for
put up by
Slectmen.

Voted not to change the name of Academy St.

Voted that the Selectmen cause boards to be put up at the corners of the several Streets having the name of the Street thereon.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting November 7th 1848.

1848.

November 7.
Warrant.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Mafachusetts you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in

Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Tuesday the Seventh day of November next at one o'clock. in the after noon then and there to act on the following article:—To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for Twelve Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, for this Commonwealth, all on one ballot. And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty third day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
John Caldwell	
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	

Worcester, ss.

Town of Fitchburg October 23^d 1848 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time & place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days before the time, set for said meeting and I have likewise Caused the substance of said Warrant to be published in the Fitchburg Sentinel a Newspaper printed in said Town.

A. F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg

Fees 6. copies. 75

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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1848.

Town
Meeting
November

Town Meeting November 7. 1848.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 7th 1848. at 1. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the meeting was opened at the above time and place by

Electors of reading said Warrant—Selectmen presiding—Check list
 President and Vice President used as the Law directs The Selectmen then called
 of United States for Votes for Twelve Electors on one ballot of Presi-
 for Massachusetts dent and Vice President of the United States.

The whole number of Votes given in were received, sorted, counted and declared, and record thereof made in Open Town Meeting, as the Law directs; and said Votes were as follows; viz Whole number of votes 816.

For Electors at Large.

Hon. Samuel Hoar	had 405. Votes.
“ William Jackson	“ 405. “
“ Levi Lincoln	“ 231. “
“ Edmund Dwight	“ 232. “
Henry H. Childs	“ 174. “
Charles G. Green	“ 174. “
Edward Hitchcock	“ 5. “
Samuel B. Woodward	“ 5. “

For an Elector for District Number One.

Joseph Willard	had 405. Votes.
Albert Fearing	“ 232. “
James Cheever	“ 174. “
Joseph B. Felt	“ 5. “

For District Number Two.

John B. Alley	had 405. Votes.
David Pingree	“ 232. “
Ebenezer H. Stacey	“ 174. “
Parsons Cook	“ 5. “

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1848.
Electors.

Town Meeting November 7. 1848.

For an Elector for District Number Three.

John G. Whittier	had 405. Votes.
Daniel Adams	“ 232. “
Edwin Lawrence	“ 174. “
Eben Bradbury	5. “

For District Number Four.

Nathan Brooks	had 405. Votes.
Isaac Livermore	“ 232. “
Timothy Fletcher	“ 174. “
W. D. Peck	“ 5. “

For District Number Five.

Alex. De. Witt	had 405. Votes.
Benjamin F Thomas	" 232. "
J. S. C. Knowlton	" 174. "
E. G. Adams	" 5. "

For District Number Six.

James Fowler	had 405. Votes.
Myron Lawrence	" 232. "
Joseph Smith	" 174. "
Wm. Dwight	" 5. "

For District Number Seven.

Thomas Robinson	had 405. Votes.
Asa Howland	" 232. "
Samuel Gates	" 174. "
M. Hopkins	" 5. "

For District Number Eight.

Benj. V. French	had 405. Votes.
Henry A. S. Dearborn	" 232. "
William Ellis	" 174. "
Horace Mann	" 5. "

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1848.
Electors.

Town Meeting November 7.th 1848.

For an Elector for District Number Nine.

Philo Leach	had 405. Votes.
William Baylies	" 232. "
Foster Hooper	" 174. "
N. P. Tillinghast	" 5. "

For Number Ten District.

Isaac C. Taber	had 405. Votes.
William R. Easton	" 232. "
James D. Thompson	" 174. "
A. H. Howland	" 5. "

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

November
7.th
1848.

Warrant for Town Meeting November 7.th 1848

Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid Greeting—In the name of the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Tuesday the seventh day of November next, at three o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
 2d. To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Joseph Davenport and others.

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1848.

Warrant
continued.
3d

November 7.th 1848.

To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Samuel Walton and others.

4th To see if the Town will accept a Code of By Laws as prepared by their Committee.

5th To see if the Town will choose a Committee to give names to the several Streets in the Village not now named.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Caldwell	
Edwin Upton	
Isaac B. Woodward	
Stephen Shepley	

Worcester. ss. Town of Fitchburg October 27. 1848. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested

copies of this warrant at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town seven days before the time set for said meeting.

A.F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg.

Fees 6. Copes 75.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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1848.
November
7th.
Town
Meeting.

Town Meeting November 7th 1848

Town Hall Fitchburg November 7th 1848. at 3. O'clock P. M. A. Town meeting was opened at the above time and place pursuant to the foregoing Warrant by reading the same and choosing under the first Article Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator

Article 1st.

Article 2d
Extention of
Pleasant St.
Posponed.

The Report of a Road on the petition of Joseph Davenport and others was here read to the Town Whereupon it was voted that the same be indefinitely posponed.

Article 3d
Road from
Laurel to
South Street
Accepted
Condition-
ally.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out upon the petition of Samuel Walton and others from Laurel to South Street, was here read, whereupon the Town voted to pay the Land damages and accept the Road provided the same be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of June next and free from all expense to the town for making said Road—To be Recorded when accepted by the Selectmen.

Article 4th
By Laws.
See Page 505.

The By Laws as Reported by the Committee chosen to prepare the same, and the same having been printed by order of the Town was here taken up and acted upon Article by Article, after said Report had undergon several Amendments said By Laws were accepted and adopted and Alpheus Porter Kimball, Ivers Phillips and William Carleton were chosen a Committee to procure the sanction of the Court of Common pleas to the same as the Law directs Said By Laws as adopted will be found recorded on the following page of this Book.

Article 5
Naming
Streets.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to give names to the several Streets not now named.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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1848.
By Laws,
of
Fitchburg.
Articles.

By Laws, to be observed by the Town of Fitchburg.

1st If any person shall play at any game of ball, or strike any ball with a bat-stick, or his feet, or shall throw any ball into, in, about, across or along any of the Streets or Roads in the Town of Fitchburg, he shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of one Dollar.

2^d If any person shall throw any Stones, brick-bats, clubs, or any other hard substance, into, in, along, or about any part of any of the Streets or Roads in said Town, he shall for each offence forfeit and pay the sum of one Dollar.

3^d If any person shall set fire to any fire-works, composed of gunpowder, fulminating powder, or spir-its of turpentine, or other combustable matter as an ingredient, or shall throw any such lighted fire-works, without license of the Selectmen, first obtained there-for, he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, the sum of Five Dollars.

4th If any person shall expose himself in swim-ming, or bathing, in the day time, or within one hour before sun-rise, on in one hour after sun-setting, in any of the ponds, streams or waters, within the lim-its of said Town, in view of a dwelling-house, or a street or highway, he shall for every such offence, for-feit and pay not less than two Dollars, nor more than Five Dollars, according to the aggravation of the offence.

5th If any person shall throw a carcase of any dead animal into any of the ponds,

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1848.
Articles
Continued

By Laws of Fitchburg

streams or waters, within the limits of said Town, or if any person shall leave any such Carcase of any such animal to decay, on the surface of the ground, or insufficiently buried therein, near any building or any road or other high-way, in said Town, he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, a sum not less than Five Dollars nor more than Ten Dollars.

6th If any person shall coast or run down in, into, across, or along any of the Streets or Roads, in said Town, on any hand sled, board, or other thing, upon the snow or ice, he shall for each offence, forfeit and pay the sum of One Dollar.

7th If any person shall place any obstruction on any of the foot or side walks, or in any of the Streets or side walks in said Town, and allow the same to remain there, without the consent of the Selectmen, first obtained therefor, in writing, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence, a sum not less than Two Dollars nor more than Ten Dollars.

8.th The foot or side walks within the meaning of these By Laws shall be such parts of the highway as are within the curb stones thereof, in all places where the same shall have been paved with brick or stones and also such parts of such highways as shall be specially determined, as, and for, foot or side walks, by the Selectmen, whenever such determination shall be recorded by the Town Clerk, in the book of Town Records,—the Selectmen giving notice in writing to the adjoining owners of the contemplated foot or side-walk, of the time and place of meeting for the purpose of determining as aforesaid.

By Laws of Fitchburg

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1848.
Articles

9th No person driving any carriage, or any beast or beasts harnessed thereto, or riding on or after any horse, mare, or other beast, in or through any of the public Streets in the Town of Fitchburg, shall suffer the said horse, mare, or other beast, to go at an immoderate gait, so as to endanger persons standing or passing in said street, and every person so offending therein, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, a sum not less than two, nor more than ten Dollars,—provided, further, that all unnecessary riding or driving any horse, or other beast, at a faster rate than eight miles an hour, shall be considered a violation of this By Law.

10th If any person shall move any building, boat, or other heavy thing, other than the usual carriages and travel common to public roads, over any of the bridges in said Town, without the consent of the Selectmen, first obtained therefor in writing, he shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, the sum of Ten Dollars.

11th If any person shall discharge any gun, pistol, or other small armes, loaded with powder, in any public street, or near any dwelling-house in the Town, other than by Millitary Companies, when actually embodied, and at the time under the command of a Commissioned Officer, and by his order, he shall forfeit and pay a sum, not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars, for each offence.

12th. If any person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team, to any of the trees planted in any public high-way or street, or on any public
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Articles
Continued

By Laws of Fitchburg.

lands in said Town, for shade or ornament, or to any iron or fence put up for the protection of said trees, he shall forfeit and pay for each offence, a sum not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars.

13th If any owner of real estate on Main Street, or any other Street in said Town, on which there are paved side-walks, shall omit, for twenty-four hours after the fall of any snow, to clear the same therefrom, so that no obstruction shall be occasioned to any foot passenger, such owner shall forfeit and pay for each offence, not less than One Dollar, nor more than Ten Dollars.

14th If any individual, or individuals, shall place, or cause to be placed, in front of any Engine-House, or other building under the care of the fire department, any obstruction to the taking out, or putting in any engine, or apparatus belonging to said fire

department, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than three Dollars, nor more than ten Dollars.

15th If any person shall suffer any horse, cattle, or team, or any beast, harnessed to any wheel carriage, to go at large without a driver or rider, on any public Street, high-way, common or square, in the Town of Fitchburg, he shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not less than One Dollar, nor more than Five Dollars.

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1848.
Articles

By Laws of Fitchburg.

16th All the foregoing penalties may be recovered, with costs, by action of debt, or by information before any Justice of the Peace in the County of Worcester. One moiety of all forfeitures and penalties provided by the By-Laws of the Town of Fitchburg, shall be recovered and paid to the use of said town, and the other moiety thereof, to the use of the person who sues or prosecutes for the same.

Accepted by the Town, November 7th, 1848.

Worcester, ss. C. C. Pleas, Dec^r Term, 1848.

Approved—

T. Hopkinson, J. C. C. P.

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1848.
November 13.
Warrant.

Warrant for Town meeting November 13 1848.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in Elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the thirteenth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the four noon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

1st.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Worcester for the year ensuing all on one ballott.

2d. To choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday in January next.

3d. To Give in their votes for a Representative in the Congress of the United States for District Number Four.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due Return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty forth day of October in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Caldwell	
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	

Worcester, ss. Fitchburg October 27, 1848. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting.

A. F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg

Fees 6. Copies .75.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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1848.

Town
Meeting
November

Town Meeting November 13. 1848.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 13, 1848 at 9. o'clock A. M. Pursuant to Warrant recorded on the foregoing page a Town Meeting was opened as above by reading said Warrant, Selectmen presiding Check list used—By vote the several Articles were acted upon at the same time. by receaving votes for the several

Officers at the same time which being Sorted, Counted and declared were as follows—

For Governor The Whole number of votes was 725.

Governor.	George N. Briggs	had	239.
	Stephen C. Phillips	"	368.
	Caleb Cushing	"	63.
	Robert Rantoul Jr	"	55.

For Lt. Governor The Whole number of votes was 723.

Lt. Governor.	John Reed	had	238.
	John Mills	"	368.
	Henry W. Cushman	"	116.
	Stephen C. Phillips		1.

For Senators Whole Number of votes was 719.

Senators.	John Brooks	had	233.
	Alexander H. Bullock		233.
	Ebenezer D. Ammidown	"	233.
	Paul Whitin	"	233.
	Ebenezer Torrey	"	231.
	Alexander De. Witt	"	370.
	Moses Wood	"	369.
	Cyrus Gale	"	370.
	Edward B. Bigelow	"	370.
	Amasa Walker	"	369.
	Otis Adams	"	116.
	Francis Howe	"	116.
	Seth Hapgood	"	116.
	Ivers Phillips	"	117.
	John Erskin	"	116.
	Charles W. Wilder	"	1.
	John White	"	1.

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Town Meeting November 13. 1848.

1848.
November 13.
Article 2d.
Representa-
tive to the
General
Court.

For Representative to the General Court the whole number of votes was 651. necessary to a choise 326.

Charles Mason Esq had 344. and was Chosen
Ebenezer Torrey Esq " 188.

Hon. Nathaniel Wood " 116.

Levi Downe Esq " 1.

John Prichard " 1.

Rev George Trask " 1.

At 12. O'clock M. the meeting was adjourned one hour for Dinner

Article 3d
Representa-
tive to
Congress.

For Representative to Congress for District Number Four the whole Number of votes given in was 706.

John G. Palfrey had 388.

Benjamin Thompson " 202.

Frederic Robinson " 116.

The Returns of the votes given at this meeting were made out signed & Sealed up in open Town Meeting as the Law directs

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1849.
January 1st.
Warrant

Warrant For Town Meeting January 1. 1849.

Worcester, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg on Monday the first day of January next, at one o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Article:—

To give in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the forth day of March 1849. for District No 4.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this eighteenth day of December in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Eight.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Stephen Shepley	
Edwin Upton	
John Caldwell	

Worcester, ss. Town of Fitchburg December 18. 1848. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time, and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up attested copies of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting.

Fees 6. copies
1 page each
Travel 72
2 Miles 8
80.

David H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg.
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town Meeting January 1st 1849.

1849.
January 1.
Town
Meeting

Town Hall Fitchburg January 1st 1849 at 1. o'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant which Warrant was in pursuance of a Warrant from the Governor of the Commonwealth requiring the Selectmen to call said meeting—the meeting was opened by the Selectmen at the above time and place, the Warrants of the Selectmen and the Governor having been read. the Selectmen proceeded to receive, Votes for a Representative to Congress as set forth in the Warrants, the same were Sorted, Counted, and declared and were as the Law directs recorded and the Returns of said votes made out and duely signed and sealed up in open Town Meeting as the Law directs

Representa-
tive to
Congress.

For Representative to Congress The Whole Number of Votes was 529.

John G. Palfrey	had	338.
Benjamin Thompson	“	136.
Frederic Robinson	“	55.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Warrant for Town Meeting March 5th 1849

1849.
March 5.
Warrant.

Worcester, fs.—To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth, of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants

of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1st— To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth day of March, 1849, for District number four.

Art 2d— To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

Art 3d— To see if the town will choose their Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, or act any thing respecting the collection of Taxes they may think proper.

Art 4th— To hear the report of their Committee chosen to settle with their Treasurer and inspect the accounts of their Selectmen and Assessors, for the year past, and choose a Committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing.

Art 5th— To hear the report of their Committee chosen to ascertain the expenses of their Work house and Poor establishment the year past, and choose a Committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing.

Art 6th— To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to repair their Highways, Town ways, and Bridges, the year ensuing; determine the manner of laying out said money; fix the price of labor &c. on said roads.

Art 7th— To choose a Committee to take care of their Bridges the year ensuing.

Art 8th— To hear the report of their School Committee the past year.

Art 9th— To see what amount of money the town will raise for the support of Common Schools for the ensuing year

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including only the wages and board of Teachers and fuel for the Schools, and act any thing in regard to the expending and division of the same they may think proper.

- Art 10th— To see if the town will choose a Committee to keep their School Houses in repair the year ensuing, or act any thing in regard to School-Houses they may think proper.
- Art 11.th— To see if the town will build a new School-House at South Fitchburg, also in District No. 5, or act any thing respecting said School House they may think proper
- Art 12th— To see if the town will establish a High School, or act any thing in regard to a High School they may think proper
- Art 13th— To see what sum or sums of money the town will raise to defray their necessary town charges the year ensuing
- Art 14th— To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money for ringing one of the bells for town purposes the year ensuing, and taking care of the Town Clock.
- Art 15th— To see if the town will restrain Horses, Neat Cattle, and Swine, from running at large within said town the year ensuing.
- Art 16th— To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town the year ensuing.
- Art 17th— To choose a committee to take charge of the Town House the year ensuing, and act any thing thereon they may think proper.
- Art 18th— To see what action the town will take relative to building a new Town House or repairing their old one.
- Art 19th— To see if the town will authorize their Overseers of the Poor to contract with some suitable person to take charge of their Poor-farm for one or more years, or act any thing thereon.
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Art 20th— To see if the town will choose a Committee to take charge of, and keep in repair, the Fire Engines, Engine houses, and all the apparatus attached to them, belonging to the town.
- Art 21st— To adopt such measures as they think proper to suppress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in

town, in future or act any thing upon the subject they think proper.

Art 22d— To see if the town will abate certain taxes, as reported by their Collector.

Art 23d— To see if the town will rebuild the Bridge near Hartwell & Prichard's shop or act any thing in regard to said Bridge they think proper.

Art 24th— To see if the town will discontinue a piece of road, near the covered bridge, at South Fitchburg, as petitioned for by Ebenezer Ball, or act any thing thereon.

Art 25th— To see if the town will accept of the widening of a road, as laid out by their Selectmen, and petitioned for by W^m Woodbury and others.

Art 26th— To see if the town will form a new School District in the westerly part of Fitchburg, as petitioned for by S. S. Crocker and others, or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
John Caldwell	
Stephen Shepley	
Edwin Upton	

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Warrant March 5th 1849.

Worcester fs. Town of Fitchburg March 5th 1849, pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes, within mentioned by posting up an attested Copy of

this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said Town fifteen days before the time set for said meeting.

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg
Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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March Meeting.

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Town Hall Fitchburg March 5. 1849. 9. O'clock A. M. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Annual March Meeting was opened by reading the warrant and choosing Ivirs Phillips, Esq Moderator. After the Town Meeting was duly organized the Meeting was opened by Prayer by Rev. M. E. Hawes The Meeting was opened at the same time and place for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative to Congress for District No. four Selectmen presiding—check list used in voting for Representative to Congress and for Selectmen and Town Clerk.

Article 1.
Represent, v
to
Congress,

For Representative to Congress whole number of Votes Given in were Sorted, counted and declared as follows—Whole Number 545.

John G. Palfrey	had	337.
Benjamin Thomson	“	125.
Frederic Robinson	“	83.

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Article 2.

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Votes for Town Clerk and for Five Selectmen were received at the same time as votes for Representative to Congress.

Town Clerk

Chose s. Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk who was sworn into office in open Town Meeting by Ivers Phillips Esq.

Oaths.

N. B. All Officers Chosen under this March meeting warrant or that may be appointed by the Selectmen during the year and of whome an Oath by Law is required and shall be qualified by taking the requisite Oath of Office before me as Town Clerk will have

prefixed to their names respectively the letter s. and the date on which said Oath was administered, except when they were sworn in open town meeting on the day of their election in which case no date will be prefixed.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Selectmen

Chose. s. Abel F. Adams.
s. Isaac B. Woodward.
s. Edwin Upton.
s. Stephen Shepley.
s. Asher Green. Selectmen.

Assessors

For Assessors Chose
s. Cyrus Thurston.
s. Timothy S. Wilson.
s. John Caldwell.

Overseers
of
Poor.

For Overseers of Poor.
Chose. Abel F. Adams.
Abel Thurston.
Levi Downe.

Dinner.

at 12, hours 20, munits adjourned One hour for
Dinner.

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Town Officers.
Treasurer.

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For Town Treasurer chose Hon. s. Ebenezer Torrey.
Chose For Constables

Constables.

March 17. s. Kilborn Harwood.

s. Ivers Phillips.

March 10. s. Aaron F. Beaman.

s. Stephen Shepley.

s. David H. Merriam.

s. John Caldwell.

March 7. s. Samuel M. Dole.

July 3. s. Charles Sawtell.

s. Edwin Upton.

s. Elliot Wood.

David C. Whitcomb.

Abel Stevens.

s. Norman Stone.

s. Leonard C. Sanborn.

s. Ebenezer L. Munroe. (Added)

School
Comt y

For School Committee Chose Ivers Phillips Esq.
Alvah Crocker “ .
Thornton K. Ware “ .
Goldsmith F. Bailey “ .
James B. Lane.

Fence
Viewers

Chose For Fence Viewers
James Hartwell.
Joseph Upton Jr.
s. Jesse Spaulding.
s. Symeon Gibson.
April 2. s. Luther Maynard.

Field
Drivers

For Field Drivers Chose
s. Silas C. Waters.
s. George H. Hartwell.
s. David Daniels.
July 24. s. James Hartwell.
s. Thomas Adams.

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Town
Officers.
Surveyors
of
Lumber.

For Surveyors of Lumber Chose
May 22. s Abijah Hartwell.
March 13. s. Henry Maynard.
s. Edwin Upton.
s. Alonzo O. Carter.
s. Charles Upton. chosen April 2^d

Sealers of
Leather.

For Sealers of Leather chose
March 8. s. John L. Tinney.
March 13. s. John Sawyer.

Pound
Keeper

March 15. s. Ira Cutler was chosen Pound Keeper.
Voted not to choose Tythingmen

Fire Wards

Alpheus Kimball.
Jonas A. Marshall.
Josiah Sheldon. Assist Eng.
John Prichard. Chief Eng
Ebenezer Torrey.
Robert L. Frair.
John Caldwell. Assist Eng
Ivers Phillips.
Abel Simonds.

Alvah Crocker.
 Amos Durant.
 John H. Wheeler.
 Timothy S. Wilson.
 Charles Sawtell.
 David F. McIntire.
 Chedorlaomer Marshall.
 David Boutelle.
 Joseph W. Mansur. Fire Wards.

N. B. March 24, 1849. The Fire wards met at the Office of Jonas A Marshall and Chose John Prichard Chief Engineer and John Caldwell and Josiah Sheldon Assistant Engineers. Attest J. A. Marshall T. C. & Clerk of the meeting.

Measurers of
 Wood and
 Bark

Voted that measurers of Wood and Bark be appointed by the Selectmen.

Cullers of
 Hoops.

Cullers of Hoops and Staves Chose s. Jesse Batcheldor.
 March 13. s. Jeremiah Kinsman Jr.

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 March 5.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to nominate a list for Highway Surveyors and report at adjournment.

Article 3.

Voted not to choose our Treasurer Collector of Taxes

Article 4.
 Report on
 Treasury

The committee chosen at the last March Meeting to settle with the Treasurer and inspect the accounts of the Selectmen and Assessors for the past year made their Report which was read and on vote accepted

Balance against the Town \$18.100.40
 " " " " 1848 20.846.57.

Reduced the debt the past year 2.746.17.

Committee
 on
 Treasury.
 1849.

Chos for a Committee for the same purpose for the year ensuing David Boutelle.
 William Carleton.
 Abel Stevens.

Article 5.

Past to adjournment.

Article 6. For Highways and Bridges Raised Three Thou-
\$3,000. for sand Dollars, to be laid out in Labour, and that the
Highways & Bridges. same price be allowed for labour pr. hour as last year

Article 7. Voted that the Selectmen be Bridge Committee for
Bridge Com. the year ensuing.

Article 8. Voted that the 8th Art. be past over to adjourn-
ment.

Article 12 Voted to take up the 12th Article.

High School Voted to establish a High-School to be kept dur-
Established ing or throughout the year with the exception of suit-
\$800. for. able vacations and that the School Committee put
& \$200. if said High School in operation as soon as convenient.
necessary
See Adj. of this meeting.

Voted to raise Eight hundred dollars for the sup-
port of the High School. N. B. at the adjournment
of this meeting the Selectmen were authorized to
appropriate the further sum of Two hundred Dollars
out of the money raised for Town Charges if deemed
necessary by the School Committee.

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1849. Voted to Raise the Sum of Twenty Seven hundred
March 5. Dollars for the Support of Common Schools as set
Article 9. forth in the ninth Article and that the same be divided
Common and apportioned among the several School Districts
Schools by the same Committee as performed the same duty
\$2700. for last year and that the Committee be instructed to
apportion to no District less money than One hundred
Dollars.

Article 10. Voted that the Selectmen keep the School Houses
School in repair the year ensuing.
Houses
to Repair

Article 11. This Article was to see if the Town would build
School new School Houses in South Fitchburg and in Dis-
Houses trict No 5.—the whole subject of this article was re-
for Districts ferred to a committee consisting of Ivers Phillips Esq
No 3. & 5. Hon. Joseph W. Mansur and William Woodbury to
Report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 13 Voted to Raise for necessary Town Charges the
\$13,000. Sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars for the year ensuing.
Town
Charges.

Article 14 The Subject of this Article Ringing Bell and care
Bell & Clock of Town Clock by vote was refered to the Select-
men.

Article 15 Voted that Horses, Neat-Cattle and Swine be re-
strained from running at large the year ensuing.

Article 16 Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to
Treasurer hire money for the use of the town the year ensuing.
may borrow. (if he can)

Article 17 Voted that the Selectmen take charge of Town
Town House House the year ensuing.
Care of

Art 18 The Subject of a new Town House was taken
Town House about some—when the Inhabitants claped their Hands
Not Yet. on their pockets and voted to pass the Article over.

Article 19 Voted that the Overseers of Poor be authorized to
Over-Seers Contract with some person to take charge of the
of Poor to Poor Farm for one or more years
Contract

Article 20 To take charge of and keep in repair the Fire
Engine Engines, Engine Houses and all Fire aparatus belong-
Committee ing to the town chose

Abijah Hartwell Alpheus Kimball
John Caldwell Samuel M. Dole

Committee

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1849. Voted that the Subject embraced in this Article be
March 5. left with the Selectmen without instructions. (See
Article 21. below)

Article 22 Voted to abate the following Taxes Reported by
Taxes the Collector Viz Richard Thomas \$1.50
abated.

Joseph Derby 1.50

Cynthia Farr 4.20

Ebenezer Hadley 1.50

Abel Scott 4.68

Joseph Blanchard .42

John Goodwin .32

Thomas Coudy 1.50

Article 23. The Subject of this article was the Bridge near
Bridge on Hartwell & Prichard's Shop to be rebuilt. Voted that
Rollstone the whole mater embraced in this article be left to the
Street Selectmen.

Article 21
Instructions
to
Selectmen
on Violations
of the
Licence Law.

On the Subject of instructions to the Selectmen voted to choose a Committee to report on the subject and to report forthwith. Chose Abel Thurston John Caldwell and David Boutelle who made the following report—

The Committee chosen under the 21. Article Report as follows— That the Selectmen be authorized and directed to prosecute all known violations of the Licence Law in town the year ensuing at the expense of the Town—Also when they have good reason to suspect any person of committing the crime of Perjury—Subornation of Perjury—Smuggling away, Secreting or otherwise unlawfully tampering with Witnesses who are summoned on such cases—that they be authorized and directed to prosecute the same at the expense of the Town—all which is respectfully submitted.

Abel Thurston }
Fitchburg March 5. 1849 John Caldwell } Committee
David Boutelle }

the above Report having been read it was by Vote accepted—

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Article 24.

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The Subject matter of the Twenty forth Article was by vote refered to the Selectmen to report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting.

Article 25
Road Wid-
ening from
5 Mats Turn-
pike by
W. & S. Wood-
bury'
Saw Mill

The Selectmen here made the following Report of a Road or a widening of a Road laid out by them as follows

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out the widening of a Road for the use of said Town as follows, Beginning at a Stone set in the ground on the South side of the fifth Massachusetts Turnpike near the house of James Woodbury then on land of Francis Hannaford South 11² West fifteen Rods to the corner of James Harris land, then on land of the said James Harris South 11² West nineteen Rods and five links to a Stone set in the ground at a corner of Henry Maynards land—

then on said Henry Maynards and W. & S. Woodbury's land South $10\frac{1}{2}$ West twenty seven Rods twelve and one half links to stone set in ground on land of W. & S. Woodbury then on said W. & S. Woodbury's land South $15\frac{1}{2}$ West nine Rods and nineteen links to Stone set in the ground then South 52. West Seven Rods and eleven links across land of James Harris to a stone set in the ground four rods and eleven links distant from the north west corner of W. & S. Woodbury's Saw Mill thence South $82\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ west twenty two Rods on land of Said W. & S. Woodbury to the new County Road—The Road to be two and one half Rods wide and to lie on the North-erly and Westerly side of said course—And we appraised the damage done to land of James Harris at \$12.00—to land of Francis Hannaford at \$2.00—the other owners of the Land over which said way passes agree to relinquish all damages—Which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance

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And when Accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way.

Dated at Fitchburg this seventeenth day of February 1849.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
John Caldwell	
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	

The above Report having been read it was on vote Accepted and the Selectmen were directed to cause the same to be built to their acceptance—

Article 26

Voted that the Subject of this Article be refered to the School Committee—Voted that Abel Simonds and David Boutelle be added to the above Committee

Article 3.
Collection
of
Taxes
1.92½

The Collection of Taxes for the year ensuing was here set up by the Moderator on the same Conditions as last year to be paid in to the Town Treasurer on or before the first day of March next and the Collec-

tion was struck off at One Dollar Ninty Two an a half cents on the Hundred Dollars to Ebenezer L. Munroe—William Carleton and Timothy S. Wilson were accepted by the Town as Sureties or Bondsman for said Collector.

Collector	Voted and chose s. Ebenezer L. Munroe Collector
Article 1. Constable	Voted to choose one more Constable Chose s. Ebenezer L. Munroe Constable
Adjourned	Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the second day of April next at 1. o'clock P. M. J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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April 2.
Adjournment
of
March
Meeting

Article 2
Highway
Surveyors.

March Meeting Adjournment April 2^d 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 2^d 1849. at 1, o'clock P. M. The Town Meeting was opened by the Moderator pursuant to adjournment from March 5.

For Highway Surveyors Chose

April 20. s. Joseph Bemis.

s. Walter Wiswell.

s. Jonathan Whitman.

s. Leonard C. Sanborn.

s. Joseph Upton Jr.

s. Charles F. Sawtell.

Micah Shattuck Jr. Out of Town

Aaron Wheeler. Declined

s. Franklin McIntire.

s. Samuel Shattuck.

s. Daniel Lowe.

Chedorlaomer Marshall. Declined

s. Levi Downe.

May 3. s. Josiah Sheldon.

David D. McIntire. Declined

June 5. s. Levi Farnsworth.

s. Daniel S. Eaton.

s. Loring Wheeler.

s. Alpheus Boutelle.

Everett Sprague. Declined

June 5. s. Farwell Nichols.

s. Isaiah Putnam.

May 7. s. John Smith.
 s. Arrington Gibson.
 s. John Harris.

June 11. s. Joel Page Jr.
 April 4. s. Silas P. Billings.

May 15. s. Hosea M. Caswell.

May 2. s. Rheubin Smith.

May 17. s. Winchester Wiman.

Surveyor of Lumber. Voted and Chose s. Charles Upton Surveyor of Lumber

Article 5. The Committee Chosen to ascertain the expnses of
 Poor Expense our Poor Establishment for the past year here made
 of their Report which was Read and on vote Accepted.
 \$1423.21. Whole expense of Poor the past year \$1423.21.

Committee Voted and chose for a Committee to ascertain the
 on expense of Poor Establishment the year ensuing
 Poor &c.

William Carleton.

Alpheus P. Kimball.

Abel Stevens.

Article 9. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to appro-
 High School priate out of the money raised for necessary town
 Appropria- charges, for the High School, a sum not exceeding
 tion for \$200, Two hundred Dollars, if deemed necessary by the
 See Page School Committee—
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March Meeting Adjournment 2^d April

1849. Report of School Committee having been printed
 April 2d. an circulated among the Inhabitants of the town the
 Article 8. same was not read
 Report of
 School
 Com-ty

Article. 11. The Committee chosen March 5. to take into con-
 sideration the Subject mater of this Article here made
 the following

Report.

School Hous- "The Committee to which was refered the subject
 es for Districts matter of the eleventh Article in the Warrant for the
 Nos 3. & 5. Annual March Meeting has attended to the duty and
 South Fitch- Report. We find the present School house in District
 burg & No. 3. somewhat out of repair & to small to accom-
 Osborn
 Districts.
 Report on.

District
No 3.

modate the present number of Scholars. We also find the Fitchburg and Worcester R. Road located so near the School house as to cause some inconvenience—The town holds a lease of the land where the School House stands to run as long as it is used for that purpose—when it will revert to the Lessor Doct Abel Fox—The House is valuable to be fitted up for a tenement where it now stands but is worth but little to be moved—If a clear title to the land can be obtained at a fair rate we recommend to the town to buy it and then Sell out the whole concern & build a house some where on the town farm for the use of the District with two school rooms—If no satisfactory arrangement can be made with Doct. Fox we advise the town to erect a house on the Town Farm directly opposite the present School House with one School Room to be used for one School & that the present house be repaired and used when it is necessary to have two schools—At all events we advise the town to use the Old house unless it can be sold for enough to pay

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the difference in cost between a house for one School and a house for two Schools—If a new House is to be built for two schools we think the best place to locate it is in the Grove opposite the house lately occupied by Mr John L. Chandler.

District
No 5.

In District No. 5. we find the house is Old, out of repair, to small for the district & not in the right place—Since the house was built the population has changed materially a part of the territory which was then uninhabited now contains probably more than one third of the population of the whole District & on the opposite side of the District the population has diminished. Capt Edwin Upton's house appears to be the most central point: that is the aggregate of travel for all the scholars would probably be less to get to that spot than any other in the District: we think the distance is not unreasonable for any of the

scholars to travel & there are no more scholars than can be well accommodated in one School Therefore we recommend that ground be purchased (if it can be bought at a fair price) and a house erected to accommodate the District at the most convenient point between Capt Edwin Uptons house and the Vt. & Mafs. Rail Road & the Old house and land be sold.

Ivers Phillips }
Wm- Woodbury } Committee

Fitchburg April 2^d 1849.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

New
School
House in
District
No 3.
South
Fitchburg

The above Report having been read it was Voted that so much of said Report as relates to School District No. three except the last clause which relates to the Location of the School House in the Grove opposite the house lately occupied by Mr John L. Chandler be accepted and adopted—

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to carry the same into effect.

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April 2d.
Article 11
School House
in District
No 5. Voted
not to build.

That part of the Report which relates to School District No 5. was first on vote accepted and after words reconsidered so the Town refused to build a new School House in said District No 5.

Article 26.
Samuel S.
Crocker's
School Dis-
trict
Rejected.

Voted to pass over the twenty sixth Article in the warrant after hearing the Report of the Committee to Whome the same was refered at the meeting in March last which report was adverse to the formation of a new School District in the neighbourhood of Samuel S. Crocker's.

Article 22
Taxes Abated
\$4.86.

Voted to abate the Taxes of Mifs Betsey Perley of \$2.94. and the Tax of Mrs. Susan Lowe of \$1.92. on the Tax Bill for 1848.

Article 24

Voted to pass over the twenty forth Article. The businefs under this warrant having been finished every Article having been disposed of by some kind of Action the meeting was by Vote Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Sealer of
Weights &
Measures

At a Meeting this day held by the undersigned Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg we hereby appoint Abijah Hartwell to be a sealer of Weights and Measures for the year commencing April 1. 1849.

Abel F. Adams	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward		
Edwin Upton		
Asher Green		

Fitchburg March 24. 1849.

Abijah Hartwell appeared and was Sworn as a Sealer of Weights and Measures by me May 22. 1849.
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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March 31.

Officers Appointed by Selectmen

Fitchburg March 31. 1849. At a Meeting of the Selectmen held this day the following persons were appointed to be Measurers of Wood and Bark in the Town of Fitchburg the year ensuing-

Measurers
of
Wood &
Bark

(April 3. s.) Joseph Pierce.
(April 3. s.) John L. Joslin.
(April 4. s.) Ebenezer F. Bailey.
(April 20. s.) Charles Ide.
(April 20. s.) Ebenezer Ball.
(Declined) Jonathan L. Tenney.
(April 2. s.) James Pierce.
(April 30. s.) Abel Simonds.
(April 21. s.) Loring Wheeler.

Abel F. Adams	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Edwin Upton		
Isaac B. Woodward		
Asher Green		

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

We have this day appointed Charles Upton Measurer of Wood & Bark and have also appointed (April 10. s) William Sandin as Measurer of Wood & Bark in the place of J. L. Tenney who declines serving.

Abel F. Adams.	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward.		
Edwin Upton		
Stephen Shepley.		

To J. A. Marshall

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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April 2.
Warrant.

Warrant for Town Meeting April 2. 1849.

Worcester ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the second day of April next, at three o'clock, in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

- 1.st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2.d To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Nathan Tolman and Others.
- 3.d To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen as petitioned for by Robert L. Frair & others.
- 4.th To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money to cut down the hill near the house of Thomas Gibson.
- 5.th To see if the Town will accept of the widening of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Daniel S. Eaton and others.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid, Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of March in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Asher Green	

Worcester ss Town of Fitchburg April 2^d 1849

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein

described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up an attested Copy of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town nine days before the time set for said meeting—

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1849.
April 2.
Town
Meeting

Town Meeting April 2. 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg April 2^d 1849. at 3 o'clock. P. M. Town Meeting was opened pursuant to the Warrant Recorded on the preceeding page and the same having been read by the Clerk, the meeting was organized by Choosing under the first Article Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator

Article 1.st

Article 2.d
Oliver
Street.
Accepted

The Report of a Road as laid by the Selectmen on the petition of Nathan Tolman and others was read to the Town and on vote the same was accepted and that the making of said Road be let out to the lowest bidder by the Selectmen—And that the said Road be made to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of July next.

The following is the Report.

Report
of
Oliver St.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows;—

Beginning on the Southerly side of Prichard street, at the Northeasterly corner of land of Abiel J. Towne, thence South $27\frac{1}{4}$ degrees west, forty seven Rods and fifteen links over land given or reserved for a public pafs-way formerly owned by Abiel J. Towne E. Torrey Saml Willis Benjamin Snow and C. Marshall to a stone set in the ground on Main Street at the Southeasterly corner of land of Nathan Tolman. Said Road to lie on the easterly side of said course and to be forty feet wide. And we have appraised no damage to the owners of said pafsway which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and

when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way and be called Oliver Street. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty sixth day of March 1849.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Asher Green.	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Articl 3
Rockvill
Road from
Phillips
Bridge to
the School
House

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on petition of Robert L. Frair and others was here read to the Town and on vote the same was accepted on condition that Ivers Phillips Esq make said Road to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of October next for the sum of Five hundred Dollars—(\$500.)

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1849.
April 2.
Road in
Rockvill

April 2. 1849. Town Meeting.

Road Report on petition of R. L. Frair & others. We the subscribers a majority of the Selectmen of Fitchburg. have laid out for the use of said town a town way as follows to wit: Beginning at a ston set in the ground near the arch bridge in Rockville on the old Westminster road leading by the house of Chas Russell. Thence north 16° west 3 rods to a stone set in the ground Thence north 12° west 12 rods to an iron bolt in a wall Thence north $7\frac{1}{2}$ west 8 rods to a stone set in the ground. Thence North 10° East 6 rods & 13 links to a stone set in the ground Thence North 17° East 4 rods & 15 links to the river. Thence North $34\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ East $2\frac{1}{2}$ rods acrofs the river Thence North $47\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ East 16 rods to country road between Fitchburg & Ashburnham to a stone set in the ground. Said road to lie on the westerly side of siad course. The first 13 rods to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ rods wide the remainder to be 2 rods wide which said road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance & when accepted & recorded to be ever after known as a public town way.

The owners of the land over which said road passes relinquish all damage.

March 26 1849 Isaac B. Woodward } Selectmen
 Edwin Upton } of
 Asher Green } Fitchburg

Attst J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Article 4th
 Hill by
 Thomas
 Gibson's
 to cut \$50.
 for.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to Cut down the hill by the house of Thomas Gibson at their discretion, provided that the whole expense to the town for said cut shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars.

Article 5.th
 Road in
 Crockervill
 by School
 House Accept.

The Report of Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on petition of Nathan Upham and others was here read to the town and on vote the same was accepted.

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Town Meeting April 2^d 1849.

Road Report
 by School
 house
 in Crockervill
 Widening.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town the widening of a Town way as follows: Beginning at a stone set in the ground on the Easterly side of the Old County Road leading from Fitchburg to Westminster near the house of David Daniels thence South 12° East 11. Rods 12. Links to a Stone set in the ground. thence South 4¾° East 16½ Rods to a stone set in the ground at the Corner of Alpheus Kimball and David Daniels land said Road to be 2½. Rods wide and to lie on the Westerly side of said course. And we agreed with the owners of the land over which said way passes for their damages as follows, To Said Daniels Ten Dollars and to said Kimball Five Dollars which said Road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way.

Dated at Fitchburg this Twenty fourth day of

March in the year One thousand eight hundred and
forty nine

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Isaac B. Woodward	
Asher Green	
Edwin Upton	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

The business of the meeting having been finished
by acting upon the several articles in the warrant the
same was by Vote Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1849.
Militia
Roll May 1.

Militia Roll May. 1849.

Alley George	Bailey Thomas W.
Ames Joel	Burnap Samuel
Arnold Wm E	Burnap Calvin F.
Arnold Charles	Blanchard Cyrus
Atherton S. F.	Bowker Cyrill
Atherton William	Bridges Alfred
Atwood J. T.	Barrett Merrill
Atherton J. L.	Brown A. G.
Alger Joseph	41
Ames Henry E.	Baker E. R.
Andrews A. T.	Boss. George S.
Andrews Alonzo	Bartlett George
Andrews Leander	Bartlett Murry A.
Anderson Rufus	Bowen Phillip F.
Adams Xenophan	Bird Alvin
Averill J. L.	Bailey E. F.
Billings S. P.	Bailey G. F.
Blanchard Luther	Bailey Josiah
Brown Jacob	Baldwin Joseph 2 ^d
Brown Porter	Barden Wm.
Brown Amos Jr.	Battles Nathan L.
Brown Charles	Beal Jerome
Bullock Charles A.	Bullard Asa
Blanchard Levi M.	Beckwith Alvah A.
Brown Marden	Bigelow Job. S.
Babbitt Isaac T.	Beaman Aaron F.
Bogart Cornelius	Benton Charles H.
Bogue Charles E.	Billings Charles J.
Baldwin Simon	Blood Thomas S.
Battles Samuel	Blifs William E.
Battles David	Blood Daniel
Bemis Joseph C.	Boutelle George
Bemis Daniel	Boutelle John

Briggs George	Harden J. J.
Brigham Hubbard H.	Hayward Horace
Brooks Joseph	Hawkins Gardner P.
Buttrick Francis	Hager Charles M.
Butters Wilder	Hall Henry E.
Bartlett Byron E.	Hawkes George P.
Bowen Henry Jr.	Haskell Frederic A.
Brown Loring	Hudson George F.
Blodgett Charles	Hudson Nathan W.
Brown Elbridge	Haven Henry M.
Back L. L.	Huntly Rufus M.
Burgess Wm. H.	Harris Reubin
Chapin Josiah L.	Holden Jonas A.
Cutler E. M.	Holden Henry J.
Comee Leander	Harrington Mason A.
Comee James M.	Hale Amos
Cross Daniel	Hale Thomas T.
Gerry Francis P.	Hale Wm. H.
42.	Harris Gordis
Golding Wm. F.	Hilton Almer C.
Hall Seth B.	Holden Marquis L.
Harding Caleb	Hubbard Addison
Hall Loyd	Hatch Conlius
Harris G. Willard	Haven Reubin L.
Haskell Jacob	Hilton Amos
Hitchcock Joseph	Hartwell Benj.
Hunt George W.	Holbrook John W.
Hayes Wm. H.	Hathaway Otis
Holman Stephen	Hewitt Samuel
Howland Franklin	Harris Levi Jr.
Howard Peter B.	42.

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Militia Roll

Houghton Albert G.	Jackson Newell T.
Hoyt Ezra D.	Johnson Sylvester J.
Haynes Sumner	Jaquith David J.
Herrick Benj ⁿ A.	Kinsman Timothy W.
Hosmer Silas	Kimball Franklin
Hudson Sumner M.	Knight Charles H.
Hanaford John	Kempton Samuel
Jaquith Isaac P.	Kilburn John
Joy Francis W.	Kittredge A. G.
Jaquith Lysander B.	Kimball A. P.
Jaseph William	Kidder Isaac
Jackson Stillman	Kilburn Edwin
Johnson Charles	Kilburn Artemas
Johnson Martin	Kinsman Charles

Kinsman Lorenzo	Caswell Nathan
Lamb Edwin	Childs Austin S.
Lawrence Freeborn	Cutler Ira
Leverett Joseph Jr.	Churchill Jesse F.
Lowe Calvin	Carter Almanza
Lowe Joseph	Cooledge James
Lowe Saml. H.	Conant Joseph F.
Lask John	Carter Samuel
Lord S. B.	Cushing Joseph
Lewis Amos	Clifford Wm J.
Lovejoy F H.	Crosby Levi
Leland H. B.	Corser George A.
Leverett Benj ⁿ D	Crossman Charles P.
Litchfield George	Crossman A. W.
Litch Charles S.	Corey C. G.
Litch Aaron K	Conant Andrew P
Lane James B.	Cutter Artemas
Lincoln Calvin A.	Collings Moses
Litchfield James D	Damon A. B.
Lane George E.	Dawson John
Lillis George	Davenport Sthe
Lovejoy John E.	Day Leonard
Leverett James M.	Dawes Robert
Leach Flavel	Day S. B.
Lillis David G.	Down Fitch
Lawrence Kimball W.	Davis John L
Lakin Lemuel	Davis Joel
Lynch J. D.	Davis James R
Lyman L. A.	Dean Andrew J
Lynch Seneca	Daisey Harvey
Maynard Henry	Durant Amos Jr.
Maynard David F	Dadman S. T.
Martin Lemuel P.	Danforth Daniel
Marshall Abel	Davis Hiram
McIntire Isaiah	Dupee C. B.
McIntire Levi	Derby Charles Jr.
McIntire Stephen	Davis William L.
McIntire Lyman	Dadman J. F.
McIntire Reuben	Derby William
Caldwell T. C.	Davis Isaac
Chapin Joel P.	Ellick Wm. C.
Choate Thomas B.	Eaton Abel
Crane Reuben R.	Emory Daniel
Carpenter E. M.	Eavans Hiram D.
Carter J. N.	Edwards Lovell L.
Carter E. S.	Edgar David H.
Caswell Josiah W.	Eaton Aaron Jr.
Caswell S. M.	

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Militia Roll continued.

Eaton Daniel S.	Gardner James W.
Evans Roswell	Gardner James F.
Eastmore Charles E.	Gibson Lyman J.
Estabrook Charles H.	Grant Marshall R.
Emory Charles H.	Gleason George H.
Eddy Benj ⁿ F.	Gates Luke
Fairbanks Charles A.	Goodridge A P.
Farnsworth Jon ^a 2 ^d	Goodridge John
Farnsworth Levi	Gates Silas
Farrar George	Green C. C.
Farwell Dexter	Gerry Charles
Flagg William B.	Gibson Samuel H.
Farmer Salathiel W.	Morey S. O.
Farwell Levi	Munroe Orison J.
Farr H. C.	Munroe Porter
Fullam Charles	Moulton Joseph C.
Ford Josiah	McIntire Abel
Foster Job S.	Manning Elson
Fisher Charles	McIntire Alfred
Fisher Clark	Mellen J. Q A.
Farnsworth H. G.	Marshall Joseph
Fairbanks Joseph	Maynard Joseph
Farwell E. C.	McIntire David F.
Fessenden Charles	Marshall Moses
Fessenden Levi G.	Merriam Wm. J.
Fuller David	Merrit Wm S.
Flint Thos. P.	Marshall Homer M.
Fuller Barnard	Mandall Warren M.
Farwell Samuel	Norcross Amasa J.
Forrester Arthur	Nourse William A.
Farwell Thomas S.	Newell Perez
Fox Edward	Ordway David B.
Farrar Francis	Palmer Thomas
Gibson Jacob	Parker David M.
Gleason Ira T.	Barney Pratt
Gibson Thomas	Pratt Lawrin
Gipson Merrick	Parks Wm.
Gale Charles D.	Proctor Benj ⁿ F.
Gibbs William	Phelps Henry R.
Goddard George	Pride Wm. M.
Goddard R. L.	Partridge Oren
Griswold William W.	Pool Edward
Gove A. J. H.	Phillips Milton
Goodnow Silas H.	Perkins Moses Jr.
Gee Elbridge B.	Page Enoch

Page John	Putnam John
Polly Warren	Putnam S. W.
Putnam James P.	Robinson Isaiah
Proctor J. B.	Rice George P.
Phelps John D.	Raymond Charles H.
Phelps Lewis	Richardson David
Pollard Henry	Roach John
Prescott Otis	Raymond E. W.
Polly J. B.	Reed Calvin D.
Polley Charles L.	Root J. B.
Parmier John B	Ripley Isaac
Parkhurst Lincoln	Rockwood E. B.
Page John O. Page	Rice Roland.
Page Hale W.	Rice Augustus.
Perkins John	

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Militia Roll continued

Richardson Cyrus A.	Stearns George M.
Rice Horace	Sheldon Saml. B.
Sawyer Augustus	Simonds Clark S.
Sheldon John P	Sanders J. L.
Sawyer Sanford	Sampson William
Spooner A. J.	Smith Rufus P.
Snow Benjn. Jr.	Stone Jonas
Spaulding Josiah	Tolman William
Stockwell L. H.	Titcomb Charles
Spaulding Z. P.	Tyler William
Stiles J. F.	Twitchell Hartwell W.
Stiles Orville	Thayer Lyman
Storer Moses	Thurston Charles S.
Sperling J. H.	Taylor E. S.
Spooner S. W.	Tileston S. W.
Smith J. F.	Tilden Oliver S.
Smith Reuben F.	Town Wm. B.
Sheldon Francis 2 ^d	Twitchell Seth
Smith J. Q. A.	Taylor William H.
Sprague Leander	Upton A. C.
Sanderson Amasa E	Upham Lysander
Shurtleff Charles A	Upton Maratin
Snow H. H. B. Snow	Goddard William
Smith Hiram W.	Harris George W.
Safford Benj ⁿ	Dole Samuel M.
Sheldon Thomas	Sherwin Levi
Smith Artemas R	Emory Daniel
Shattuck Job	Farwell J. T.
Sylvester Charles	Parkhurst John
Smith John	Dole Abram S.

Sawtelle Charles	Whitney Milton
Davis Charles	Walten Samuel
Ware David E.	Proctor Sullivan G.
Norcross Josiah	Sprague Everett
Sawyer Charles B.	Glynn Thomas
Leath Wm. M.	Jaquith John P.
Atherton Henry	Vinton Horace
Atherton Shepherd F.	Vose William
Torrey R. H.	Vanderford Frederic C.
Stiles Orville	Walter Luke D.
Blood Dennis	White Ivers
Battles Nathan L.	White Samuel
Piper Porter	Whitney Elhanan
Marshall Moses	Williard Joseph
Davis Alonzo	Worcester Oliver
Thurston Wm. D.	Whittaker David F.
Mason Charles	Wilson James
Brigham Charles	Wadsworth Claudius
Jaquith Caleb W.	Whitman Jonathan
Comee L. P.	Wright John
Comee William W.	Whitmore Charles F.
Comee James	Whittemore James
Carter Alonzo O	Winchester Silas
Hale Thomas	Woodbury Sabin
Durand Samuel	Woodbury James M.
Tuttle Lewis G.	Woodbury William Jr.
Tuttle Waterman	Willard Charles
Adams Abel F	White Francis C.
Pilsbury Levi	Wheeler L. D.
Miles William	Williams Alonzo
Prentiss Benjamin	Wild Charles J.
Towne George	Williams Frederick
Emmory Charles	Wait Volney B.
Moulton Daniel	Woodsum Stephen
Robinson Cyrus	Wilkins William
Lyon Moses G.	Williams Lovell
Lyon Benj ⁿ F.	Wells Benj ⁿ F.
Bowker George	

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Militia Roll continued

West Clark S.	Williams Francis
Wilcomb Hiram	Wilson Orrin
Weld John	Wilson Charles N.
Wheeler Aaron	Wright Alba C.
Wheeler Benj ⁿ F.	Ware T. K.
Wilder Edwin	Whitney Jonas

Whitney Silas
 Wilson Arnold
 Wiswell Isaac D.
 Wood Elliot
 Woods Joseph
 Wood Timothy

Whitcomb David C.
 Whitcomb Andrew J.
 William Winch
 Wetherbee David
 Younglove Ira
 Young Z F.

To Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk of Fitchburg—
 We hereby return to you the names of persons from
 the ages of eighteen to forty-five liable to be enrolled
 as soldiers, in the Town of Fitchburg (in compliance
 with the Law in such cases made and provided) on
 the first day of May A. D. 1849

(whole No. 526)

Cyrus Thurston } Assessors
 T. S. Wilson } of
 John Caldwell } Fitchburg

To Jonas. A. Marshall Town Clerk of Fitchburg
 for 1849. In the Return of soldiers made by us for
 the year 1849 the within names were overlooked. We
 now make this additional return by request of the
 Adj^t. General, which we confidently believe contains
 all the names of persons liable to be enrolled for the
 current year.

Recd July 29. 1849.
 Attest J. A. Marshall
 Town Clerk

C. Thurston } Assessors
 T. S. Wilson } of
 John Caldwell } Fitchburg.

Arnold Virgel
 Atkinson Edward
 Atkinson George
 Atwood T. T.
 Ager N. B.
 Ayers Oliver
 Blanchard Charles
 Bartlett Leander
 Bigelow Augustus
 Beaman A. F.
 Blodgett Alton
 Bullock Laban
 Brick David C.
 Brown George
 Beals Jerome
 Chase Josiah
 Cowdin Nat

Crehore Horace
 Crocker P. A.
 Caswell Stephen
 Collier James M.
 Clark John
 Carter Rufus
 Corser Samuel A.
 Crossman S. H
 Crocker S. S.
 Crocker Chandler
 Camp Orris
 Davis Alonzo
 Derby Joseph
 Day Edwin
 Damon A. W.
 Damon Franklin
 Day William H.

Downe William S.	Glynn Thomas
Davis Charles	Gerry F. P.
Damon Horace	Gibson Luther
Derby Abel	Gibson Arrington
Downer Moses	Hale Sam ^l 2 ^d
Eaton Thomas S.	Hollett Gideon
Fairbanks E. H.	Harris John M.
Farwell Haskell	Harris George F.
Goodwin George	

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Militia Roll continued

Hartwell Edwin	Phillips Francis
Hartwell Leonard	Phillips Franklin
Houghton A. C.	Pierce Josiah
Hudson Nathan	Patridge J. W.
Hastings Silas	Proctor Charles A.
Hayward George	Page A. G.
Haywood D D	Page Joel Jr.
Holt Charles W.	Pierce James
Holman John	Pierce Joseph
Humes Reuben	Polly J. W.
Hudson Eben ^r C.	Rice Elbridge
Henshaw Dexter	Roberts Samuel
Ide Charles	Richardson Edwin
Jackson Edwin	Shibly Stephen
Joslin Lorin	Sawtelle Charles
Kendall Loren	Sandin William
Kinsman Jeremiah Jr.	Stearns William
Kenney Henry	Scott Joseph T.
Locke Edward C.	Searl James D.
Kimball Daniel	Smith Joseph
Kimton Elias	Smith Leonard
Long Lemuel	Smith Reuben
Lawrence Charles H.	Stickney George O
Lowe John	Stockwell Lorrison
Marshall William	Storrer Timothy B
Messinger Daniel	Sprague Everett
Miller Jacob	Stevens E. B.
Merriam David H.	Sackett Dwight
Monroe E. L.	Tenney Lucius
McComber Joseph W.	Taylor Daniel
Maynard Henry G.	Twitchell John M.
Marshall A S.	Ware David E.
Mathews W. F.	Wheeler Mason
Martin Leander	Webber John
McIntire Francis	Whitney Charles H.
Nicholson Charles	Williard Joseph B

Waymouth Augustine	Wetherbee Alfred
Warner John S.	Whitney Andrew
Wilder S. W.	Wood Goodwin
Wetherbee Israel	Wood Joseph
Wheeler Alfred M.	Wright Samuel J.
Wyman Winchester	Younglove Tyler
White George	Pierce Newton G.
Warren George P.	Platt Horace
Willis S. D.	McIntire Franklin
Upton Warren C.	No. 143—
Wallis Waldo	526

669 Whole Number.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall
Town Clerk

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1849.
June 2.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 2^d 1849.

Worcester, ss.

Warrant.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, *Greeting*.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg on Saturday the second day of June next, at one o'clock, in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1st

To see what action the town will take upon the Order of Notice issued by the County Commissioners, concerning a Road petitioned for by Abel Kenney & others

2d—

To see what action the town will take upon the Order of notice issued by the County Commissioners concerning Main Street & West Street & Water Street.

3d—

To see if the town will choose an Agent to defend the town in the case of Bellingham vs. Fitchburg or act anything thereon.

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To see if the town will establish a school in the Westerly part of the town to accomodate S. S. Crocker & others or act any thing thereon.

5th.

To see if the town will sell any building lots on the Academy Lot or act anything thereon.

6th— To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Samuel Carter & others or act any-thing thereon.

7th— To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Franklin H. Damon & others or act anything thereon.

8.th To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Abel Thurston & others or act any thing thereon.

Article 9.th To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by C. Marshall and others.

Article 10. To see if the town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Martin Johnson and others.

Article 12.th To see if the town will enlarge the Academy building as recommended by their School Committee or act anything thereon.

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Article 11. To see if the town will build a Schoolhouse for District No 5 or act any thing in regard to a Schoolhouse in said District they may think proper. And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this nineteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	

Worcester fs. Town of Fitchburg June 2^d 1849
pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up an attested copy

of this warrant at each of the public meeting houses in said town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting

David H. Merriam—Constable of Fitchburg

N. B. Articles 11. and 12. were in recording accidentally transposed, the 12th article recorded before the 11. Article

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town Meeting June 2^d 1849.

Town Meeting June 2. 1849. Town Hall Fitchburg June 2^d 1849 at 1. O'clock P. M. Town meeting opened as above by reading the Warrant and Choosing William Carleton Esq Moderator Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant.

Article 1. The Order of Notice of the County Commissioners was here read to the Town mentioned in the first Article of the Warrant. Whereupon it was voted to Choose a Committee of three to oppose the location of said Road before the said Commissioners if the Town thereby shall be subjected to any expense. Chose for Said Committee

Hon. Nathaniel Wood
William Carleton Esq
Daniel Tuttle.

Article 2. On the Order of notice of the County Commissioners mentioned in the Second Article in the warrant the town Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to attend the County Commissioners and propose such alterations in Main, West & Water Streets as they may think for the interest of the Town

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June 2^d 1849. Town Meeting

June 2.
Article 2.

Voted that three be added to the Selectmen chosen as a Committee on the Subject of the Second Article recorded on last page Chose

Hon. Ebenezer Torrey
Nathan Tolman
William Carleton Esq
Said addition.

Article 3
Bellingham
vs. Fitchburg.

The Case of Bellingham vs. Fitchburg Voted that Hon. Nathaniel Wood be the Agent to attend to said Suit for the Town.

Article 4
S. S. Crocker's
School
rejected.

A. Motion to Establish a School as set forth in this article was lost and the Article passed over.

Article 5.

This article was passed over by vote.

Article 6.
Payson
Street.
Accepted.

Report of Selectmen on petition of Samuel Carter & others for a Road was here read to the Town and on Voted the same was Accepted and Ordered to be built by the first day of October next to the Acceptance of the Selectmen and under their direction. The following is the Report. Petition & Order thereon

Petition

To the Honorable the Selectmen of Fitchburg, your petitioners, Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg would respectfully represent that the public convenience and wants require that a road and highway should be laid out and constructed beginning on Laurel Street near the house of William Sampson and leading to South street by the house of N. F. Ackley and others.

Fitchburg April 25th 1849

Names
Wm. G. Tolman
Charles Gerry
Fitch Downe
Wm. Sampson
Levi Harris Jr.
Charles H. Munroe
Thomas Gerry
Saml. Walton
Isaac Davis
Cahill Tolman
Nathan F Ackley

Names
Samuel Carter
John Danbey
James R. Willard
Chas. Bassett
Horace Platt
Linus Worthen
Isaiah L Averill
Orville C. Stiles
David P Maynard
Addison W. Damon
Saml. Roberts.

Order

On the petition aforesaid, Ordered, That all persons interested therein, be notified that the Selectmen will meet at the house of Samuel Carter in said Fitchburg on Monday the seventh day of May next

at two o'clock in the afternoon, And it is further ordered, that Samuel Carter one of the petitioners aforesaid serve each person interested in Real Estate, over which said

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Road is to pass, with an attested copy of said petition and order, seven days at least, before the said seventh day of May next, at which time and place, the said Selectmen will proceed to view the route set forth in said petition, to hear all persons interested therein, who may then and there desire to be heard thereon; and if they shall adjudge the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, they will then proceed to lay out and locate a Road over said Route, agreeable to said petition. And the said Samuel Carter is ordered to make return of said petition and order, with his doings thereon, to one of the said Selectmen, on or before the said seventh day of May next. Given under our hands this 28th day of April 1849.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Asher Green	
Stephen Shepley	
Edwin Upton	

Report of
Payson St.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of the Town a Town way as follows, Beginning at a stone set in the ground at the south east corner of W. F. Ackley's land on South St. and running north $81\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ East 10 ft thence North $52\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East 32 Rods and 13 links to the south west corner of Charles Gerrys land; thence North $51\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ West 110 ft. to Laurel St. thence northerly on Laurel Street 10 ft to be made on a proper curve for the distance of 10 ft. on each road. The above road to be 30 ft wide except at its easterly termination where it is 35 ft. wide and runs in a strait course to South Street and to lie on the southerly side of said course; and on the southerly side of the road at the Westerly termination another proper curve to be formed extending 10 ft Southerly on Lau-

rel Street and 10 ft. Easterly on the above named road and we have agreed with William Sampson for the damage over his land for the sum of \$5,00 and the other owners of the land over which said way passes agree to relinquish all damages; which said road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town way and called Payson Street. Dated at Fitchburg this seventh Day of May One Thousand Eight hundred & forty nine

Abel F Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Isaac B Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Asher Green	
Stephen Shepley	

Article 7.

The Report of the Selectmen of three Streets laid out by them on petition of Franklin H. Damon near the School House in the Old City so called was here read to the Town and on vote all of said Streets were accepted & voted that the Selectmen cause them to be built to their—

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Town Meeting June 2.^d 1849.

1849.
June 2.
Road Report.
Snow Street.
Day Street.
&
Union Street.

Acceptance by the first of October next. the following is the Report. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town a Town way as follows Beginning on Summer St. at the Southwest corner of land owned by Leonard Day. thence North $27\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ East 41. Rods and 21. Links to the Southwest corner of the School House Lot. Thence North $27\frac{1}{4}^{\text{deg}}$ East 8. Rods and 14. Links to the Northwest corner of the School-House Lot. to be thirty Seven feet wide, to lie on the West-erly side of said Courses and be called Day Street. Also a Town Way Beginning at the Northerly side of Summer Street near the house of Benjamin Snow and at the south East corner of Ira Holts land, then runs north $12\frac{3}{4}^{\text{deg}}$ East 20 rods to the North East corner of the land owned by Franklin H. Damon, thence

North $26\frac{1}{2}$ Deg. East 24 rods & 17 links to the North East corner of the School House lot in the Old City. Said Town way to be thirty seven feet wide, to lie on the Southerly side of the above courses and be called Snow Street. Also a Town way beginning at the South East corner of the School House lot thence North $63\frac{1}{4}$ Deg. West 28 rods & 20 links to a Stone pillar on Blossom Street to be Thirty feet wide to lie on the Southerly side of said course and be called Union Street. All the above described Town ways lie on passage ways deeded by David Boutelle to the Inhabitants of Fitchburg, and said David Boutelle claims no damages for laying said roads, which are hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded are forever after to be known as public Town ways.

Dated at Fitchburg May 26th 1849.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	
Asher Green	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 8.
Road
Rejected

Road Report on petition of Abel Thurston was here read to the town and on vote Rejected.

Article 9.
Fox Street
Reject

Report of Selectmen of a Continuation of Fox Street was here read and Rejected.

Article 10

The Report of Selectmen of Adams Street was here read and on vote accepted and ordered that the Selectmen cause the

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Town Meeting June 2.^d 1849.

1849.
June 2.
Road Report.
Adams Street.

Same to be built to their Acceptance by the first day of October next. The following is the Report.

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg, have laid out for the use of the said town a town way as follows: Beginning at a stone set in the ground, on Prichard street at the Southeasterly corner of Charles H. Munroe's land, thence north $62\frac{1}{4}$

Deg. West 18 rods & 4 links, to the Southeasterly corner of Francis Phillip's land; said Town way to be 40 ft. wide, and to lie on the southerly side of said course—And the owners of the land relinquish all damage for laying said way through their land, reserving to themselves the right of removing the loam from said land; and we have allowed them thirty days to remove the said loam; which road is hereby reported to the Town for their acceptance, and when accepted and recorded to be forever after known as a public town way; and to be called Adams Street. Dated at Fitchburg this twenty-sixth day of May 1849.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Asher Green	
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 11
Schoolhouse
No. 5.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to repair the old School House in District Number 5.

Article 12

Voted that the Subject of the twelfth Article be referred to a Committee of three to Report thereon at the adjournment of this meeting Chose for said Committee Ivers Phillips Esq

Abial J. Towne “

Hon Nathaniel Wood

Adjourned,
June 11.
1849

Voted to adjourn to the 11.th instant at 3. O'clock P. M.

The meeting was opened on the 11.th of June 1849, Pursuant to adjournment from the 2^d instant at 3. O'clock P. M by the Moderator.

Article 12.
High School
House to
Enlarge

The Committee Chosen June 2. on the subject of this article recommended that the High School House be enlarged by building an addition upon the East end of said House of twenty or twenty five feet making an additional School room on the lower floor and Two Recitation Rooms above said School Room—Voted to adopt the recommendation of the Committee above written

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1849.
June 11.

Town Meeting June 11. 1849. Adjournment from
June 2^d

Voted that the same Committee Viz Ivers Phillips, Abial J. Towne & Nathaniel Wood be a Committee to carry the foregoing vote relative to enlarging the High School House into effect.

Article 5. th
Town Treas-
urer Author-
ized to sell
High School
Land.

Voted to Reconsider the Vote past June 2.^d whereby the fifth Article was passed over. Voted that the Town Treasurer be a Committee with Authority to Sell, and Convey by Deed such part or parts of the High School House Lot of Land, So called, as he with the advice and consent of the Selectmen shall think best for the Town to dispose of.

Article 9.

Voted to Reconsider the vote passing over the ninth Article A motion was made and put to accept the Road mentioned in this article (the 9th) but said motion did not prevail. The meeting was then by Vote Dissolved

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

June 11.
1849.

Warrant for Town Meeting June 11. 1849.

Warrant.

Worcester. ss—To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in the County aforesaid, *Greeting*. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg on Monday the Eleventh day of June next, at one O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:—

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for One Representative to Represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the fourth day of March 1849. for District No. 4.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail

not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this twenty Sixth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	
Asher Green	

June 11. 1849.

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June 11.
1849.

Worcester. fs. Town of Fitchburg June 11.th 1849.

pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up an attested copy of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting.

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town
Meeting
June 11.
1849.

Town Meeting June 11. 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg June 11. 1849. 1. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Town meeting was Opened by the Selectmen as above—The warrant having been read and the Precept of the Governor ordering the meeting also—Votes were then received, sorted, Counted Recorded and Declaired as follows For a Representative to Congress for District Number 4. The whole number of votes was 465.

Representa-
tive to
Congress

John G. Palfrey	had	301.
Benjamin Thompson	"	118.
Frederic Robinson	"	46.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Warrant for Town Meeting June 11. 1849.

Warrant
June 11.
1849.

Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, *Greeting.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the Eleventh day of June instant at four O'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles.

Article 1st

To see if the Town will establish a new School District out of parts of Districts No. 5. & 8. and build a School House for said District or act anything thereon they may think proper.

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1849.

Article 2

June 11. 1849.

To see what Action the Town will take with regard to an Indictment against the Town on the Subject of the North Branch Turnpike.

An you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town Seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Here of fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Second day of June in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams	}	Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Isaac B. Woodward		
Edwin Upton		
Stephen Shepley		

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Worcester. ss. Fitchburg June 2. 1849. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up attested Copies of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said Town ten Days before the time set for said meeting.

A. F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

Town
Meeting
June 11.
1849.

Town Meeting June 11. 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg June 11.th 1849. at 4. O'clock P. M. Pursuant to the Warrant foregoing the Town meeting was opened by reading the Warrant and Choosing Abel F. Adams Moderator.

Article 1.
School
District
Out of
Nos. 5 & 8.
Lost.

Under the first Article in the Warrant there was a motion put to establish a new School District out of parts of Nos 5. & 8. giving boundaries thereof but said motion did not prevail.

Article 2.
North branch
Turnpike
Indicted.

Voted that Hon. Nathaniel Wood, William Carleton Esq and William Woodbury be a Committee to attend to the subject of this article on behalf of the Town.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1849.
September 10
Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting September 10. 1849.

Worcester S. S. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Fitchburg on Monday the tenth day of September next, at one o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative, to Represent them in the Congress of the United States, for two years from the forth day of March 1849. for District No 4.

Article 2.

To Choose a Moderator.

3d

To see if the town will reconsider the vote whereby they voted to repair the School-house in District No. 5. or act anything thereon as they may think proper, as to building a new house as recommended by their Committee, on the main road about forty rods North of the house of Capt. Edwin Upton, or act any thing concerning a house in said District they may think proper.

4.th To see if the town will establish a new School District out of parts of Districts No 5. & 8. and build a School-house for said District, or act anything in regard to the same they may think proper.

5.th To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Henry R. Phelps and others.

6th To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Salmon W. Putnam and others.

7th To see if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out by their Selectmen and petitioned for by Elijah S. Carter and others.

8th To see if the town will grant any farther abatement on the Tax Bill of 1848. or act any thing thereon.

9. To see if the Town will purchase more land for their burying ground or act any thing thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting Houses in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said Meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid—Given under our hands this eighteenth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	

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1849.
September
10.

Warrant for Town Meeting September 10. 1849.

Worcester ss. Town of Fitchburg September 10.th 1849. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time, and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of this warrant at each of the public Meeting-

houses in said Town fourteen days before the time set for said meeting.

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town Meeting
September 10,
1849.

Town Meeting September 10. 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg September 10. 1849. at One O'clock P. M. A. Town meeting was Opened by the Selectmen pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, which being read by the Clerk and the Precept of the Governor likewise read Votes were received, sorted Counted and declared for a Representative to Congress and were as follows

Article 1.
Representative to
Congress.

For Representative to Congress Whole Number of Votes 490.

John G. Palfrey had	300.
Benjamin Thompson	144.
Frederick Robinson	46.

Article 2

The meeting for Town business was organized by Choosing William Carleton Esq Moderator.

Article 3.

After the subject of the third Article was fully discussed it was voted not to reconsider the vote mentioned in said Article and the Article was then passed over.

Article 4th
New School
District
Established

Voted to establish a new School District out of parts of Districts Nos 5. & 8. as follows Beginning at the South East end of the Sanborn Road so called thence East to the River thence following up the River to the Vermont & Massachusetts Rail Road. thence following the line of the Rail Road to the Town Line, thence following the town line to the East side of the Old Westminster Road leading by Natt Cowdins, thence following said Road to the South west corner of

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1849.

September 10. William Taylors land, thence in a streight line to the bound first mentioned, after the above vote was passed it was voted that the whole of Asa Sawers and Natt Cowdin's farmes be excluded from said new District.

Town Meeting September 10. 1849.

William Taylors land, thence in a streight line to the bound first mentioned, after the above vote was passed it was voted that the whole of Asa Sawers and Natt Cowdin's farmes be excluded from said new District.

School
House
Selectmen
to build

Voted that the Selectmen Select a spot and erect a School House in said District at a cost not exceeding Four hundred Dollars exclusive of Spot or Land for the same which Samuel S. Crocker has agreed to give to the town for that purpose and that the building be completed and fitted for use by the first day of December next.

Article 5
Streets
Pleasant St.
Extended
Spring St.
Accepted.

The following Report of the Selectmen was here read to the town and on Vote was accepted.

Report of Extention of Pleasant Street and of the laying out of Spring Street.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows: Beginning at a Stone set in the ground near the house Moses Marshall at the southerly extremity of Pleasant Street and running South $57\frac{1}{4}$ East 12. Rods and 15. Links to a Stone set in the ground—thence South $62\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East 15. Rods and 6. Links to a stone set in the ground—thence South $28.^{\circ}$ West 20. Rods to a Stone set in the ground at the Easterly side of Prichard Street—And we have agreed with the owners of the land over which the Road passes to release all damages—Said Road to be 40. feet wide and to lie on the Southerly and Westerly side of said courses—the part of the Road on the first and Second Courses to be Continuation of Pleasant Street—the part on the third and last course to be Called Spring Street and the above Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a publick town way—Dated at Fitchburg this 30th day of June in the year 1849.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Stephen Shepley	

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Voted that the Selectmen cause the

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1849.

September 10

Town Meeting September 10.th 1849.

Said Streets to be built by the first day of December next to their Acceptance

Article 6.

The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on petition of Salmon W. Putnam, to be called Walnut Street was here read and on vote the same was Accepted and ordered to be built by the first day of December next to the acceptance of the Selectmen. The following is the Report.

Road
Report.
Walnut St.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of Said Town a Town Way as follows. Beginning at a Stone set in the ground on the westerly side of Water Street near the South end of the Arch Stone Bridge near the Iron-Foundry—Thence South $89\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ west 9. Rods 18. Links to a Stone set in the ground—thence South $72\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ west 16. Rods 15. Links to Stone set in the ground—Thence North 55° west 10. Rods 1. Link; the Road on the above courses to be 33. feet wide thence on the same Course 19. Links to stone set in the ground and the Road widening to 35. feet. thence North $39\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ west 15. Rods 3. links to Stone set in the ground. thence North $50\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ west 2. Rods 4. Links to Stone set in the ground—thence North $55\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ west 7. Rods 12. Links to stone set in the ground. thence North 60° west 13. Rods and 22. Links to stone set in the ground—thence North $49\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ west 2. Rods 7. Links to a stone set in the ground on South Street and five last courses to be thirty five feet wide—the Road is to lie on the Northerly side of said Courses—We have appraised the damage done to the land of Mrs Mary C. Upton at 12. Dollars and the other owners of land claim no damages for laying said Road through their lands—Which Road is to be called Walnut Street and is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be

This Road was found to be illegal in its laying out notice not having been given to some of the owners of land over which it passes—it was therefore relaid and accepted in January 1850. and Recorded on Page 560. of this Book.
J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

known as a publick Town way—Dated at Fitchburg this first day of August in the year 1849.

Abel F. Adams } Selectmen
Edwin Upton } of
Asher Green } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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Town Meeting September 10. 1849.

1849.
September 10.
Article 7.
Road from
E. S. Carters
to Old Road
to
Lunenburg.

Report of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Elijah S. Carter and others was here read to the Town and on vote the said Report was accepted and the Selectmen were directed to cause the same to be built by the first day of December next to their acceptance

Report

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said Town a Town way as follows. Beginning at a Stone set in the ground on the south side of the old Road leading from Fitchburg to Lunenburg and near the place formerly occupied by the half District School House at land of Avery Stockwell and runing South 13° west 14 Rods to a stone set in the ground at the corner of a wall—thence South 6½ East and runing on said wall and through said Stockwell's land 27. Rods and 17. Links to a stone set in the ground in a South-westerly direction from the dwelling house of Elijah S. Carter said road to be two Rods wide and to lie on the Westerly side of said courses—And we have appraised the damage done to the land of Avery Stockwell at Seventy five Dollars—which said Road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a publick town way—

Dated at Fitchburg this August 27. 1849.

Isaac B. Woodward } Selectmen
Edwin Upton } of
Stephen Shepley } Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 8.
Tax abated

Voted to abate the Tax of Mrs Judith Wetherbee for the year 1848.

Article 9
Burying
Ground
Land for
in addition

Voted that William Carleton, Ivers Phillips and Ebenezer Torrey be a Committee to purchase for the Town so much land as an addition to our burying Ground as they may think best for the Town. the meeting for Town business was then Dissolved—

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1849.
November 12.
Warrant.

Warrant for Town-meeting November 12. 1849.

Worcester, fs. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, *Greeting*. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday the twelvth day of Nov. next, at nine O'clock, in the fore noon then and there to act on the following Articles:—

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of two years from the forth day of March, 1849. for District No 4.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and five Senators for the County of Worcester on one ballot, for the year ensuing.

To choose a Representative to represent them in the General Court to be held at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our

hands this twenty seventh day of October in the year
One thousand eight hundred and forty nine.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	
Asher Green	

Worcester. ss. Fitchburg October 27th 1849.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the
Inhabitants of Fitchburg herein described, to meet at
the time and place and for the purposes within men-
tioned by posting up attested copies of this warrant
at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town
fifteen days before the time set for said meeting.

A. F. Beaman Constable of Fitchburg

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk.

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Town Meeting November 12. 1849.

1849.

November 12.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 12. 1849. at 9.

O'clock A. M. A. Town meeting was opened Pursuant
to the foregoing warrant—Selectmen presiding—war-
rant read—and also the warrant of the Governor
ordering an election of Representative to Congress (or
an attempt to do so) check list used as the law directs.

Article 1.
2. 3.

Votes were received under the several Articles in
the warrant at the same time. sorted, Counted and
declared as follows

Governor For Governor the whole number of votes was 668.

George N. Briggs had 237.

Stephen C. Phillips " 298.

George S. Boutwell " 133.

Lt. Governor For Lt. Governor the whole number of votes was 665.

John Reed had 237.

John Mills " 295.

Henry W. Cushman " 133.

Representa- For Representative to Congress the whole number of
tive to
Congress votes was 667.

John G. Palfrey had 343.

Benjamin Thompson " 211.

Frederick Robinson " 113.

Senators For Senators the whole number of votes was 660.

Alexander DeWitt	had	426.
Pliny Merrick	"	425.
Edward B. Bigelow	"	427.
John Ramond	"	426.
Amasa Walker	"	428.
Alexander H. Bullock	"	231.
Paul Whitin	"	231.
Ebenezer Torrey	"	231.
Joseph White	"	231.
George Davis	"	231.

Representative to General Court For Representative to General Court whole number 545.

First Ballot.

Charles Mason	had	254.
Goldsmith F. Bailey	"	195.
Kilburn Harwood	"	94.
Timothy S. Wilson	"	1.
Aaron Beaman	"	1.

No choice Here the meeting adjourned for one hour for dinner

Second Ballot. whole number of votes 556.

Charles Mason	had	268.
Goldsmith F. Bailey	"	210.
Kilburn Harwood	"	76.
Thornton K. Ware	"	1.
Mason Wheeler	"	1.

Third Ballot wole No 535.

Charles Mason	had	258.
Goldsmith F. Bailey	"	197.
Kilburn Harwood	"	80.

After the third ballot, voted to adjourn to tomorrow at 9. o'clock A. M.

J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

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1849.
November 13.
Adjournment
from
yesterday
Representa-
tive

Town Meeting November 13. 1849.

Town Hall Fitchburg November 13. 1849. at 9. O'clock A. M. Adjournment from yesterday meeting opened by the Selectmen pursuant to adjournment—voted to proceed to ballot for Representative to General Court.

For Representative the whole number was 57.1.
No choise

Forth Ballot	Charles Mason	had	266.
	Goldsmith F. Bailey	"	200.
	Kilburn Harwood	"	103.
	Isaac B. Woodward		2.

After the forth ballot it was moved to dissolve
the meeting but the motion was lost

Fifth Ballot whole number of votes was 450. No choise

	Goldsmith F. Bailey	had	177.
	Charles Mason	"	19.
	Kilburn Harwood	"	46.
	Edward Aldrich	"	170.
	Thornton K. Ware	"	34.
	Edwin Upton	"	3.
	William Miles	"	1.

At 25. munits past 12. P. M. adjourned to half
past one this after noon. Meeting was opened pur-
suant to adjournment.

Sixth Ballot. The whole number of votes was 439.
for a choise 220.

Representa-
tive Chosen.

	Thornton K. Ware	221.	Chosen
	Goldsmith F. Bailey	151.	
	Kilburn Harwood	64.	
	Charles Mason	1.	
	Edward Aldrich	1.	
	Edwin Upton	1.	

Attest J. A. Marshall

Perambulation of Town Lines.

Perambula-
tion of
Town Lines
with
Lunenburg

Lunenburg Oct. 30. 1849. We the Subscribers
Selectmen of the Towns of Lunenburg and Fitchburg
have this day perambulated and run the lines between
the said Towns and renewed the marks according to
the Law of the Commonwealth

Ithra Lewis	} Selectmen of
Daniel Low Jun	
Stephen Shepley	} Selectmen of
Asher Green	
	} Lunenburg
	} Fitchburg

Leominster Fitchburg October 10, 1849. We the undersigned Selectmen of the Towns of Fitchburg and Leominster hereby Certify that we met this day and perambulated and run the Lines between the towns aforesaid in accordance with the Law of this Commonwealth in such cases made and provided.

Abel F. Adams } Selectmen of
Edwin Upton } Fitchburg
William A. Nichols } Selectmen of
Charles W. Wilder } Leominster

Westminster This may certify that we have this day perambulated the lines between the Towns of Fitchburg and Westminster and have renewed the marks on the monuments at the corners and angles of said lines agreeable to the laws of the Commonwealth

Isaac B. Woodward } Selectmen of
Asher Green } Fitchburg
Geo. W. Hager } Selectmen of
Harrison G. Whitney } Westminster.

October 25.th 1849.

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Perambulation of Town Lines with Ashburnham This certifies that we have this day perambulated and run the lines between the towns of Fitchburg and Ashburnham and renewed the marks according to the Law of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided. October 26.th 1849.

Abel F. Adams } Selectmen of
Isaac B. Woodward } Fitchburg
Jerome W. Foster } Selectmen of
Antipas Maynard } Ashburnham.

Ashby This certifies that we have this day perambulated and run the lines between the towns of Fitchburg and Ashby and renewed the marks according to the Law of the Commonwealth in such cases made and provided. October 26.th 1849.

Abel F. Adams } Selectmen of
Isaac B. Woodward } Fitchburg
Cushing Burr } Selectmen of
Martin Howard } Ashby.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

1850.
January 21.
Warrant

Warrant for Town Meeting January 21. 1850.

Worcester. ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg, in the County aforesaid, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Fitchburg, on Monday, the 21.st day of Jan^y inst. at one o'clock in the after noon, then and there to act on the following Articles—

Article 1st.

To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for one Representative to represent them in the Congress of the United States for District No. four for the term of two years from the fourth of March 1849.

Article 2d

To see if the town will accept of a piece of Road laid out by their Selectmen near the house of Abel Kenney called Walnut Street.

Article 3d

To see if Town will abate the poll tax assessed against Alexander Mann for the years 1848 and 9. also the tax of Abel Scott for the year 1849.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested Copies thereof, at each of the public Meeting-Houses in said town, fourteen days at least before the time for holding said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this fifth day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	

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January 21.

Town of Fitchburg January 21. 1850.

Worcester. fs. Fitchburg Jan 21.st 1850. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg herein described to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within men-

tioned by posting up an attested copy of this Warrant at each of the public Meeting-houses in said town fifteen days before the time set for said meeting—

D. H. Merriam Constable of Fitchburg.

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

Town
Meeting
January 21,
1850.

Town Meeting January 21. 1850.

Town Hall Fitchburg January 21. 1850. at 1. O'clock, P. M. Pursuant to the warrant recorded on the 559th Page of this Book the meeting was opened as above, the warrant of the Selectmen and the Precept of the Governor having been read, the Selectmen presiding then Received, sorted, Counted and declared the votes for Representative to Congress under the first Article in the Warrant. Seventh trial. Whole number of votes for Representative to Congress was 488.

Article 1st
Representa-
tive to
Congress
7. Trial

John G. Palfrey	had	264.
Benjamin Thompson	"	161.
Frederick Robinson	"	61.
William Parminter	"	2.

Article 2d

The Poll was closed at 4. o'clock P. M. by Vote. Voted and chose Ivers Phillips Esq Moderator. The Report of the Selectmen of a Road laid out by them on petition of Isaac T. Babbit was here read to the town and on vote the same was accepted and ordered to be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen by the first of June next. the following is the Report.

Walnut
Street.
See Page 554.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Fitchburg have laid out for the use of said town, a town way as follows, Beginning at a stone set in the ground on the Westerly side of Water Street

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near the south end of the Arch Stone Bridge, near the Iron Foundry, thence South $89\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ West 9. Rods 18. Links, to a stone Set in the ground. thence South $72\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ West 16. Rods 13. Links to a Stone set in the ground, thence North $55.^{\circ}$ West 10. Rods and 1. Link,

(the road on the above courses to be 33. feet wide) thence on same Course 19. links to a stone set in the ground and the Road widening to 35. feet, the Road on the above Courses passing over a reserved passway, and over land of Cushman Thayer and Saml. P. Harrington, thence north $39\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ West 15. Rods 3. Links to a stone set in the ground, thence North $50\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ West 2. Rods and 4. Links to a Stone Set in the ground, thence North $55\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ West 7. Rods 12. Links to a Stone set in the ground, thence North 60° West 13. Rods 22. Links to a stone set in the ground, thence North $49\frac{3}{4}^{\circ}$ West 2. Rods 7. Links to a stone set in the ground on South Street, the Road on the five last Courses to be 35. feet wide and passes over a reserved passway, and over land of Mary C. Upton. The Road is to lie on the northerly side of said courses, And we have appraised the damage to the land of Saml P. Harrington at Fifty Dollars and to the land of Mary C. Upton at twenty Dollars, The other owners of land through which said Road passes relinquish all damage for laying said Road through their land Which Road is to be called Walnut Street and is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and Recorded is forever after to be known as a public Town Way—

Abel F. Adams	} Selectmen of Fitchburg.
Isaac B. Woodward	
Edwin Upton	
Stephen Shepley	

Dated at Fitchburg this first day of December 1849.

Attest J. A. Marshall Town Clerk

Article 3
Taxes
Abated

Voted to abate the Tax of Abel Scott for the year 1849. and the Poll tax of Alexander Mann for the years 1848 and 1849. the business of the meeting having been finished the meeting Dissolved

Attest Jonas A. Marshall Town Clerk

N. B. Here finishes the Records for the political year 1849. the Records for 1850. after March Meeting will be in a new book

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